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Church could change rules on celibacy, say Catholic leaders



A CONFRONTATION be-

tween unions and the Govern-

ment is likely next year -

whoever wins the election -

after Kenneth Clarke's an-

nouncement yesterday that he

was freezing the public sector

The Chancellor told review

bodies that pay rises for more

than a million teachers,

nurses, doctors, servicemen and civil servants should be

smaller than this year's aver-

age of 4 per cent, and he

confirmed that any increases

would have to be financed

The results of the reviews

will be published early next

year, in the run-up to the election, and even if the bodies

reject Mr Clarke's advice.

public sector workers are un-likely to receive big rises from

whichever party forms the

Gordon Brown, the Shadow

Chancellor, has been careful to avoid committing himself to

next Government.

through efficiency savings.

pay bill for a fourth year.

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Roman Catholic Church's ruling that priests must be celibate could be relaxed, Cardinal Basil Hume, the spiritual leader of the 4.4 million Catholics in England and Wales, said yesterday.

He was backed immediately by another senior bishop, the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, who said it was only a matter of time before the question of the ordination of married priests came up in Rome. While insisting that there were

still good reasons for keeping celibacy in place, Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, said many "excellent" people were being lost to the Church because they wanted to be married.

As expected, the Vatican stood firm on celibacy for priests and nuns, despite increasing demands from the Western Church that the subject should at least be opened for debate at the highest levels. A Vatican spokesman said the Pope insists on mandatory celibacy in the Latin Church. He does not want to change the rules".

anxious not to be seen as responding to the resignation of the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, the Right Rev Roderick Wright, who is believed to be in hiding with Kathleen Macphee, a divorced mother-of-

But while change might be years away, and is unlikely under the present Papacy, the loss of Bishop Wright to the church has re-ignited the debate, in this country at least. Asked about the celibacy laws on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Cardinal Hume said: "It is not divine law. It is Church law, so any Pope or General Council could

change it." He said the impact of the rule and any change on other cultures must be carefully considered. The celibacy debate was at present being conducted very much in western Europe and north America. "But the Catholic Church has to take a worldwide view."

He said there were practical reasons for a celibate priesthood.
"Many of us would find it very hard to give all our energy and our time to our ministry and to give good quality time to our families."

But the most important aspect was that Christ was celibate. "I have explore in prayer what this means. Our society is very preoccupied with sex. It is not a bad thing to have people who can witness to love

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Bishop Murphy-O'Connor, Chairman of the Catholic Committee for Christian Unity, said the ordination of married men was likely to be considered in future "by the bishops in communion with the Pope". He said: "This is a discipline and the church could change it." But, like Cardinal Hume, he also spoke strongly in favour of celibacy. Cardinal Thomas Winning, of

Glasgow, said that Bishop Wright

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could remain a priest if he gave up any sexual relationship he might have had. The leader of Scotland's 750,000 Roman Catholics said he believed, from the bishop's reaction at a meeting with him on Sunday, that this was the option Bishop Wright would prefer. But the Cardinal insisted that the case made no difference to the strict rules of

Battle looms over public workers' pay

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

The Government was forced

implementing any proposed awards and Alistair Darling, are likely to be protected. the Shadow Chief Secretary, warned unions yesterday not to expect a pay bonanza. "Anyone proceeding on that assumption will be doing so on a false basis." he said. "Most people understand that

any government has to keep a proper control of public finances. We have no intention of giving in or surrendering positions that cannot be justified and cannot be paid for. I want to make it abundantly clear: we will maintain tight control of public spending. He was speaking after Mr

Clarke, who is struggling to find scope for tax cuts in November, announced a tougher squeeze on pay than last year, when the review bodies' recommendations exceeded inflation and were phased in as a result. The public pay bill would again be held at £80 billion, continuing a freeze that has led to awards of 2 or 3 per cent for most of the five million public sector

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Borrowing hit £4.5 bn in August

to borrow £4.5 billion in August, more than the City had expected, amid signs that tight control of public spending is beginning to slip. This disappointing news on public finances coincided with a call from the British Chambers of Commerce to avoid tax cuts in the November Budget while mains so high ..

Mr Clarke is also seeking to cut next year's total public spending target of £298 billion by up to £5 billion to finance tax cuts and reduce government borrowing. Social sec-urity, transport, defence and local government are the most vulnerable departments, while health and education

The Cabinet's EDX spending committee has already started discussing how the money should be distributed. and the Chancellor is putting pressure on spending minis-ters by requiring them to make their case to the full committee rather than in private meetings with the Chief

Mr Clarke underlined his determination to contain pub-



Daddy wants to put up your pocket-money but he has to do what the Chancellor says"

lic spending in his evidence to the pay review bodies, in which he said there was no upward pressure on the pay in the economy yesterday and called for "realistic and afford-

able" settlements. But his remarks brought immediate threats of industrial action from the unions. Barry Reamsbottom, general secretary of the CPSA, the biggest civil service union, said: "Mr Clarke's wallet is bulging with the 26 per cent pay increase that MPs awarded themselves only themselves themselves only three months ago, yet he is intent on forcing civil servants who have met all the targets set by this Government to swallow a pay freeze for a further year. It is breathtaking double standards and the electorate will

see through it."

John Monks, the TUC general secretary, accused the Chancellor of playing politics with public sector pay. "Kenneth Clarke is hitting nurses, teachers and other crucial public sector workers in the wallet to give him enough money to buy votes

with tax cuts in the run-up to the general election.

This cynical ploy is an-nounced on the same day we discover that fat cat directors are giving themselves pay rises over four times the rate of

Rodney Bickerstaffe, genersecretary of Unison, said: "Yet again we have the hypo-critical spectacle of one law for the rich and another for the poor. This latter-day Sheriff of Nottingham wants to take from the poorly-paid public sector worker to throw preelection tax bribes at the rich.

"Public sector workers care for the sick, the elderly, our children. They clean up our streets, they deliver the services which are the hallmark of a civilised society and yet they are treated with contempt by the Government."

Roger Kline, of the MSF union, said: "This is grossly unfair treatment, and we put on record now that balloting on industrial action is bound to take place if staff are not properly rewarded this time."



British captive was 'taunted by gun-carrying children'

By Joanna Bale and David Adams in miami German and a Danish col-

league were kidnapped at a

makeshift roadblock by Nat-

ional Liberation Army left-

wing guerrillas. Looking pale and gaunt, he

said: "We were told to get out

A BRITISH engineer freed after being held hostage by Colombian guerrillas for seven months told yesterday how he was taunted by gun-carry-

ing captors as young as 14. Philip Halden, 48, who was seized in Colombia in February, a month after arriving in the country to work, returned to his Staffordshire home on Monday night where he is re-covering with his wife, Dolo-

res, and four children. Joy at his released was marred by accusations that his employers had paid a ransom of more than \$1 million (£657,000), endangering other foreign workers. Mr Halden, of Blythe

Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, had

company commissioning a

concrete factory in a moun-

tainous region when he, a

of the car and get away from the road as quickly as pos-sible. They did not say we were being kidnapped, only that they wanted to speak to us." But he and the other men were then forced to march for

five or six days into the deep

jungle by the guerrillas, all armed with Kalashnikovs and Mió assault rifles. The three were kept in a shack for a month before he been working for a Danish

Describing his captors, Mr Halden said many were children aged 14 and 15.

was taken farther into the jungle with a group of is guerrillas.

or worse than if they had a cow or pig. They fed me and kept me dry and tried to keep me quiet. They said if I attacked one

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There was one that I called

Rambo and another Chuck

Norris. They would show off

and try to give the appearance of being very brave, but they were children who should

have been in school. I saw

them change over the months

as they went from children to

Mr Halden said that al-

though he was not physically ill-treated, he was warned he would be injured or killed if he

tried to escape. "They didn't want to kill me because they

wanted money. I was a com-

modity. I was treated no better

adults before their time."

Meldrew won't believe what America has done to him

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A SANITISED, scrubbed version of Victor Meldrew, the angry man of British comedy, was introduced to American television viewers this week. After a rewrite the bald, scratchy. white Victor has become Hilton, an airline worker who is black, wears a cap, and comes across as an amiable buffoon rather than as the boiling vat of middle-aged, suburban frustration that is the splenetic Meldrew. Rights to the BBC's hit show One

Foot in the Grave were bought by the CBS network as a vehicle for the veteran star Bill Cosby. Having spent the money, American television chiefs set about ruining the product. One of the first things to go was the title and the jaunty Chas 'n' Dave theme music. The show is now called Cosby and there is a new, softer-edged tune. It is not one to whistle along to.

The first episode of the show, which has been hailed as a major event, started promisingly. Cosby and his wife were in bed, Meldrews-style, with him keeping her awake and she being a pillar of patience. It was one of the few things that smacked of the original.

Advance publicity stills showed Cosby and his much younger co-star Phylicia Rashad as an almost glamorous, soft-focus couple, quite unlike the BBC's snapshots of the warring Meldrews, caught in a moment of truce in their kitchen. Whereas Victor has a gouty gait and spits out his words, Hilton lopes around with a balmy blamelessness and speaks in a languid manner. There was no sign of the catchphrase "I don't believe it".

Instead, Hilton asks his neighbour repeatedly: "Do you love me?" Indeed, the cutting edge of the comedy was left on the cutting room floor, and apart from a small-print credit at the end of the show that Cosby was based on a BBC original, it was impossible to tell that they came from the same source.

Men Behaving Badly will soon be regurgitated for US viewers, minus all the more risque parts — which, arguably, make the programme such a success in Britain. And there will be no mention of bottoms, bodily functions or girl-chasing.

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Defiant Hogg poised to call off cattle cull

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND CHARLES BREMNER

THE Government is poised tomorrow to call off the selective slaughter of 147,000 cattle after European ministers decided to reject Douglas Hogg's demand for a lower cull and to give no firm guarantees on the lifting of the ban on British

Mr Hogg will recommend
a Cabinet committee chaired by John Major that a plan that might have been defeated in the Commons by Conservative MPs should be

Even though the decision will mean the effective collapse of the Florence deal that ended the beef war, ministers see the solution as the best way of taking the beef crisis

Some European ministers will be pleased by that outcome, believing that it gives them the opportunity to escape from daily discussions about British beet.

Mr Hogg returned home from Brussels empty-handed last night. He was not surprised by his reception, described as glacial by one official, when he presented the latest scientific findings in support of Britain's proposal to cut the slaughter plan.

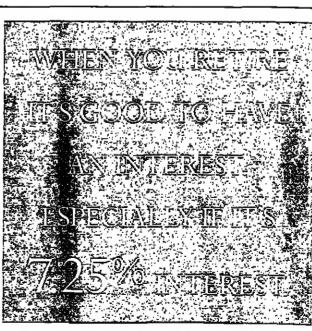
"Nobody even bothered to

respond to him," said Karel Pinxten, the Belgian farm minister. Mr Pinxten went further than his colleagues and suggested that the European Union could withold funds already agreed to compensate British farmers for the oss of their cattle. Some £260 million of EU aid was set aside last April for the first phase of Britain's cattle cull.

But Mr Hogg's officials described that suggestion last night as "noises off" and said that it had not been mentioned to the minister during his talks.

Apart from abandoning the slaughter of the original 125,000 animals thought to be most at risk from BSE, ministers are also likely to shelve the idea of killing 22,000 -last born" calves earmarked for slaughter after the finding in July that BSE can be passed from cows to calves. Officials said last night that more work needed to be done on the 'maternal transmission'

findings. Franz Fischler, the farm commissioner, did not support withholding compensation. But he, as well as the German and Irish farm ministers, told Mr Hogg that the deal for a Continued on page 2, col 5



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Labour plans housing estate snoop squads

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

'ROFESSIONAL snoops would ather information and give evidence gainst "neighbours from hell" inder Labour Party plans to clamp lown on antisocial behaviour on lousing estates.

The professionals would spy on urisance families by moving into property on estates or tour the streets o gather information for court proceedings. Parents of troublesome hildren could also face parental esponsibility orders requiring them o attend counselling sessions aimed at helping them cope with persistent uverile troublemakers.

But the plans were condemmend by civil liberties groups who accused Labour of a fundamental shift away

from the accused and in favour of the thousands of victims whose lives are sance before granting an order. Any accuser. Labour's plan to use professional witnesses would mean that victims would not have to give evidence in court and risk further harrassment.

The party also hopes that extending the use of professional witnesses will overcome widespread intimidation that prevents people bringing complaints about neighbours who make life unbearable on many

In the document, Protecting our Communities, Labour that the professional witness might "move into a flat or house on a temporary basis to log round the clock evidence of harrassment or intimidation". Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary. said that Labour's plans would provide much needed relief for the being made hell in their own homes". He said that for too many people. noise, harrassment and intimidation were part of their daily existence.

with this kind of behaviour. It cannot be allowed to go on." Mr Straw also plans neighbourhood nuisance squads comprising environmental, housing and social services officials, who would attempt

to resolve disputes before resorting to

Thousands of people have to put

legal action. If they fail, a senior police officer of local authority chief executive would be able to take out a community service order in the civil courts to restrain nuisance neighbours. The court would only have to be satisfied "on the balance of probabalities" that the behaviour was causing a nui-

breach of the order would be a criminal offence liable to jailo sentences of up to four years. The tough proposals are part of the struggle between the Conservatives and Labour over law and order in the run up to the general election.

Mr Straw said that antisocial behaviour in some neighbourhoods was undermining some communities and that both the civil and criminal law needed to be used to deal with the problem. He denied that Labour's plans were disproportionate to the scale of the problem in some urban

But civil liberties groups condemmend the new community service order and warned that it damaged the presumption of innocence. John Wadham, director of the civil rights group, Liberty, said: "Labour's proposals for a CSO blur the boundaries between civil and criminal law, damaging the principle of the presumption of innocence.

"In order to convict people of criminal offences there must be more resources to prosecute rather than taking away people's rights to a fair

Simon Farrell, a barrister who works for Liberty, said the measures could breach the European Convention on Human Rights and added: "The present proposals of the Labour Party are draconian. They represent a fundamental shift from the basic civil liberties enshrined in our criminal law away from protection of someone who is accused of a crime and very much in favour of the

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US firm wins deal to computerise courts

The courts system in England and Wales is to be computerised under a £20 million contract awarded to an American multinational company under the Government's private finance initiative. By the end of next year Electronic Data Systems which has a base in Uxbridge and headquarters in Texas, will replace the paper-based system used in all 235 county courts in England and Wales.

The company will also take over the computerised listing and management programme already running in the criminal courts, as well as the computerised summons production centre and the county court "bulk" debt centre. Computerisation was recommended by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, as essential to creating better access to justice in his recent report on the civil courts. He wants judges to become trial managers, controlling the pace of cases and setting timetables, reforms which need underpinning by the latest technology. The venture is the first time the private finance initiative has been used in the courts sector.

Post ballot splits union

Postal workers' leaders are expected today to refuse a fresh ballot in the Royal Mail dispute and to go ahead with further strikes on Friday and Monday. That would prompt a three-month suspension of the Post Office's monopoly on delivering letters for less than £1. Local union officials who met in London yesterday, were said to be evenly divided on whether to hold a bailot. Though the union's regional officers are in favour, big union concentrations in areas like Liverpool and Manchester are against. The private delivery firm TNT confirmed yesterday that it intended to run a trial rival letter service in the Midlands.

Britons die in LA crash

Two British tourists have been killed in Los Angeles after being hit by a car that mounted the kerb. James Martin, 62, and his wife Margaret, 59, from Glasgow, were walking near a popular yacht haven in the Marina del Rey area when a car pulled out of a queue waiting at a red light and flattened a fire hydrant before striking the couple, killing them instantly. The driver, Fred Alexander, 79, and his 80year-old wife, a passenger, were slightly hurt in the incident on Monday and were released from hospital yesterday.

MP returned to fold

Richard Spring, the Tory MP who resigned last year as a ministerial aide because of allegations about his sex life, has been given a government job. The MP for Bury St Edmunds has been appointed parliamentary private secretary to the Armed Forces Minister and the Defence Procurement Minister. John Major personally approved the appointment. Mr Spring, 49, had quit after a newspaper published details of an alleged menage à trois with a Sunday school teacher and a businessman.

Boy wander is off again

Peter Kerry, the 15-year-old boy who ran away to Malaysia using his father's passport and credit card last year, has disappeared again. This time his parents think he is heading for Europe and the police have alerted all ports. Peter, who now has his own passport, was last seen when he set out on his north London paper round on Sunday morning. His parents said they had done everything in their power to satisfy his wanderlust and since the Malaysia jaunt. he had been to Spain three times, France twice and Poland once.

Attacker goes free

An amateur boxing trainer who attacked a man with a baseball bat, because he believed he was supplying drugs to his son, was freed yesterday. Judge Neligan told Chartie Rumbol Sr that he had taken the law into his own hands in totally the wrong manner but for the best of motives". Rumbol was sentenced to 18 months' jail, suspended for two years, by Maidstone Crown Court. He was cleared of grievous bodily harm with intent, which he denied, and convicted of grievous bodily harm.

Loch party student dies

A university student who vanished during a late-night party on an island in a loch was found dead in the water by his brother the next morning. Neil MacLean, 21, had been drinking with friends on Bishop's Island in Loch Leven. near Fort William. It is believed the media studies student had wandered off from the Friday night party and then slipped and fallen to his death from cliffs that reach 100ft. His brother James, 29, of Onich, near Fort William said: "Nobody even noticed Neil leaving the group."

Scientology goes on air

The Church of Scientology presented its first British television advertising campaign yesterday with a denial that it was trying to brainwash viewers. The 60-second commercial will begin today on the UK Gold and UK Living channels and will be broadcast three to five times a day for a month. In three months it hopes to run the advertisements on Channel 4 and ITV. Heber Jentzsch, the church's president, said: "People can make up their own minds. If you are brainwashed in 60 seconds, then wash your brain."

Residents blame MoD as sale of **US** base collapses

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

A MULTIMILLION-POUND deal to turn a disused American airbase into a 1,000-acre leisure park has fallen through at the last minute, angering local residents who say the Ministry of Defence wants too high a price.

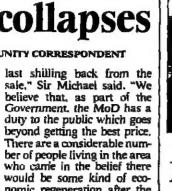
The Bentwaters base, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, has been empty since the 81st Wing of the USAF left in 1992 The ministry, which inherited the airstrip plus a hospital, gym, supermarket, three housing estates, burger bar, cinema. hangars and workshops, has been under Treasury orders to dispose of the lot for as much as possible. The houses have been sold

off - some to a property company now in the hands of the receivers - but the rest of the site remains on the market. "The obligation to sell to the

highest bidder sounds like the worst form of asset stripping," said Sir Michael Bunbury, chairman of the parish council at Rendlesham, which covers most of the base. Sir Michael said he contact-

ed John Gummer, the Environment Secretary and local MP, who told him that there was no way of overriding the Treasury instructions.

"The British taxpayer did not pay to build all these facilities and it is not reasonable to say we must have the



duty to the public which goes beyond getting the best price. There are a considerable number of people living in the area who came in the belief there would be some kind of economic regeneration after the base closed ... I represent these forgotten people and I have every sympathy with them. Their lives are being ruined because the MoD is being greedy."
The Defence Ministry said

that it had been urgently trying to find a buyer. A year ago the Chris Parker Group, of Northamptonshire, put in a bid to create a string of water sports lakes, build 550 chalets and provide leisure activities. To ensure planning approval, a school, playing fields and community centre for residents in the housing estate on the base were also included.

Last week the group failed to complete the deal, said to be worth Elo million, and the ministry is holding talks with Suffolk Coastal District Council about suitable uses for the base before relaunching a

marketing campaign to sell it. The MoD said: "We really believed we had got rid of it this time and are very disappointed that the deal fell through.



Martin: remanded

Body flown home after Bondi death

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE body of the British tourist Brian Hagland was due to be flown home from Australia last night as the man accused of murdering him was remanded in custody in Sydney. Mr Hagland's girlfriend,

Connie Casey, 24, who was with him when he died at Bondi Beach II days ago, was on the same flight. She said that she still could not believe he was dead.

A few hours earlier, Aaron Martin, 22, an unemployed storeman, sobbed in court as a magistrate remanded him until November I. He has told police that Mr Hagland, 28, was run over by a bus, but detectives say two post-mortem examinations show that he was attacked.



Jan Martin, mother of the accused man, and her daughter, Devina, outside court

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Make shoplifters pay, say the stores

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

SHOPLIFTERS should be forced to pay compensation to stores in an attempt to cut the £1.5 billion a year cost of their thefts, a retail report suggested yesterday.

Imposing financial penalties on shoolifters would also act as a deterrent to many who are not prosecuted in the courts or receive only small fines. The report by the Nene Centre for Retail Research called for the introduction of a system of civil recovery, used in the United States and Canada. in which shoplifters pay cash to retailers in cheap

out-of-court actions. Retailers favour this because several fear that existing criminal penalties no longer act as a deterrent, although civil recovery could be taken against a thief as well as

criminal proceedings. Under civil recovery a person caught shoplifting is served with a notice outlining how much the retailer is demanding. Only in cases where the suspect refuses to pay would would there be argument in the

courts. The report outlines a scheme that would involve compensation of up to three times the value of the goods stolen, plus damages of £100 to £250, and fees of about £90 a

According to the report, out of 1.7 million people caught by retailers for alleged shoplifting in 1994-95, fewer than 150,000 were found guilty in the courts or cautioned by the police for theft. About 4,000 of them received terms of

imprisonment.

Cattle cull

Continued from page I phased lifting of the embargo. imposed last March, would be worthless if Britain backed away from its side of the bargain. This is a pre-condition before any specific steps can be taken," Herr Fischler

Along with farm ministers, he voiced concern over what he said was the failure of Britain to start killing the cattle targeted in the selective slaughter scheme. The targeted animals, estimated at between 127,000 and 150,000, are beyond the half million already destroyed. Several ministers voiced amazement that Mr Hogg had presented no specific plan when calling for a reduction of the selective

Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, said of the plan for the full-scale cull: "Unless Mr Hogg has come back with an absolute bankable guarantee that ... if we go ahead with the cull we can have a timetable for the end of the ban. I can't see it going through the House of Commons. Most of us from farming areas would find it extremely difficult to support a totally worthless sacrifice of healthy cows to no end, to no

Briton 'guarded by children'

Continued from page 1 of them they would kill me or if I tried to escape they would break my legs. They are not

nice people and you don't argue with people with Kalashnikovs. He said the mental strain was the hardest aspect to bear. "I received letters from my family through the Red Cross but they didn't give them all to

me. They held on to the correspondence and gave me photos of my children which had been damaged." His daily routine involved waking at 5am when dawn broke and listening to the BBC

on a radio before eating breakfast of rice and tinned sardines. He would go to a nearby river for a bath before returning for a lunch of similar food, then listen to the radio again. He had only one book. He read it four times... Mr Halden said his religion

had helped him through his ordeal, together with the knowledge that his family would be doing everything possible to secure his release. When he was told he was being freed, he did not know

Ivan, 27, Judith, 26, Elizabeth, whether to believe his capturs. They had told me I would

never know if they enjoyed saying it or not. They said it to make me move when we were being chased around the jun-

gle by paramilitaries." Mr Halden was freed after a three-day trek through the jungle when he was reunited with representatives of his company, F L Smidth.

People were there to meet

me and I had such a feeling of elation - the nightmare was finally over. I was not seriously ill but I was in a pretty bad state. When they asked me what I wanted to do, I said I wanted to come home. I wanted to get as far away as possible from Colombia - I will never go back there.

Tive got a wonderful family which I never really appreciated enough before. I took things for granted, but when you are in the jungle you reevaluate everything.

Peruvian-born Dolores said: "Sometimes over the months it was very desperate as I didn't know he was alive. The silence seemed so long." Also celebrating his return were their four children -

German company had paid a El.4 million ransom to secure the three men's release.

Alvaro Uribe, the state governor of Colombia's Antioquia province, had accused Germany of rewarding terrorism. The struggle against the narco-insurgency is in vain while foreign governments and companies feed it with huge sums of money," he said in a statement.

Señor Uribe appeared to be referring specifically to the German hostage, Heinz Tresser, kidnapped with Mr Halden. Mr Tresser, who was released several months ago. was employed by a German Sub-contractor working for the Danish company.

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Woman detective wins payout for sex harassment

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN detective has been given a six-figure compensation payment after her promising career was blighted by sexual harrassment from male colleagues.

The sum paid to Libby Ashurst, 27, a former WPC with North Yorkshire Police, is one of two out-of-court settlements made by the force to avoid embarrassing details becoming public at industrial tribunals. In the second case former WPC Amanda Ruse, who was on secondment to the same CID at Harrogate, is understood to have received around £10,000.

The allegations made by the two women led to a two-year internal investigation in Harrogate which uncovered incidents of bullying, bizarre initiation rites for new officers and a catalogue of sexual harassment. They included a detective constable being locked in the station dog kennels for three hours for refusing to apologise for wearing the wrong kind of tie, a detective sergeant stripping naked in his office and wearing a lost property label on his penis, male recruits being forced to run the length of a corridor with bulldog clips on their nipples and a joke dog mess being put in a senior officer's desk drawer.

A chief inspector, a sergeant and several other officers have since been disciplined. They were either fined, transferred

Most of the incidents happened four years ago and only came to light after a complaint from one of the women officers about a detective sergeant. He was alleged to have suggested that the two women wear more seductive clothing, such as stockings. The women also complained about always

being given the worst jobs and

suffering a barrage of sexist and deprecatory remarks.

Miss Ashurst's father, Terry. Principal of Doncaster Further Education College, has called for a public investigauon. He said the episode had left his daughter highly traumatised. "I do not believe the Chief Constable's statement that none of the hierar-

chy was involved.
I believe the culture is pervasive of sexual harassment and bullying and I cannot accept that senior officers are so lacking in knowledge of what is going on at the various levels within the force. If they don't know, there is even more wrong with the lorce than one might believe

This summer two officers at Harrogate were transferred to other stations after a disciplinary hearing before two chief constables, Richard Wells of South Yorkshire Police and Tony Leonard of Humberside

Mr Ashurst said his daughter had signed an agreement not to talk about the case. He added: "Her career effectively



Burke: he apologised for

is destroyed. She has a number of commendations from the force, including one for bravery after she disarmed a man in a hostage situation."

Miss Ashurst's mother Barbara, a teacher at a junior school in York, said: "She seemed perfectly happy when she was on the beat, but things changed when she was pro-moted into the CID and now she is very nervy. I haven't discussed with her what went wrong because it only upsets her too much."

Tony Lidgate, press officer for North Yorkshire Police, said: "The Chief Constable, David Burke, has apologised to Miss Ashurst for the treatment she received. He has said this was an isolated incident which departs radically from the very high standards of North Yorkshire Police. The force will strive to ensure similar circumstances

do not arise again. As a result of a number of incidents some years ago, a chief inspector has appeared before a disciplinary hearing. Five out of eight charges were proved against him and he was fined." It is understood that while none of the officers involved has been returned to uniform, most have been sent to stations in rural parts of the

One serving officer said the incidents had begun as innocent horseplay, but had got out of hand. The officer put in the dog kennels was apparently being punished for not falling in with his colleagues who all decided to wear loud ties for work. When he refused he was issued with a mobile phone and told not to come out until he rang with an apology.

Angela Harris, chairwoman of North Yorkshire police committee, declined to com-



Margaret Bent crying on the shoulder of her mother after the verdicts. The judge said that emotional distress did not amount to harm in law



Chambers: court role

'Stalker' cleared of causing harm

A YOUNG woman wept yesterday as the man she accused of stalking her for four

years walked free from court. After a week-long trial during which he defended himself, Dennis Chambers, 37, a van driver of no fixed address, was found not guilty of affray and causing grievous bodily harm to Margaret Bent, 29. As she was comforted by friends outside court, Miss Bent called for a change in the law and said she felt she

had endured a "real ordeal". She was cross-examined by Chambers in the witness box as part of his defence.

Miss Bent, who has managed a fast food café in Brixton for 11 years, said she did not feel she would be able to return to her job. She had told Judge Quentin Campbell that Chambers followed her and repeatedly called to see her after becoming obsessed early in 1992.

Anthony Fogg, for the prosecution, had told the jury of eight women and four men at Inner London Crown Court that stalking was not an offence in law, but the Crown's case was that the cumulative effect of the stress caused by Chambers amounted to serious psychological harm.

The judge said that the jury had to consider whether Miss Bent had suffered serious psychiatric damage: "You might think she suffered annoyance, panic and emotional distress. That alone would not

Chambers has two previous convictions for affray relating to Miss Bent, for which he received non-custodial sentences

Boy took shotgun to school

By RICHARD DUCE

A BOY aged 12 smuggled a sawn-off shotgun into school after inscribing the names of fellow pupils on cartridges as part of a planned revenge

The boy thought that other children had "grassed" on him when teachers accused him stealing computer equipment. The next day he took his father's shotgun from its cabinet, shortened the barrel with a hacksaw and set off for

school on the bus. When he arrived at school in northwest Scotland he told friends, to whom he had already mentioned revenge: "It's today." Police were called when he put the gun under his own chin and threatened to

shoot himself. At Edinburgh High Court yesterday the boy admitted possessing the gun in May with intent to cause others to believe that he would use unlawful violence. He also admitted carrying an airgun, ammunition and two knives to

school on the same day. The case was adjourned pending the preparation of reports. The boy was ordered to stay at a secure school.

Security blunders aided IRA escape

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A PRISON officer was shot in the stomach as five IRA terrorists and an armed robber exploited security weaknesses to break out of a maximum security jail, a jury was told

John Kettleborough was the first officer at Whitemoor jail in Cambridgeshire to try to stop the escape two years ago. He saw a hole had been cut through the inner fence of a special secure unit and ran towards the escapees.

Suddenly he felt as though he had been kicked in the ribs. A ricocheting bullet had struck him. He staggered for safety and other officers dived for cover, Woolwich Crown Court was told.

The prisoners had managed obtain two automatic handguns. They used ropes made of knotted bedsheets and smuggled cutting equipment to cut through two wire fences and scaled a 30ft concrete wall.

Prison officers were so surprised by the breakout that they did not switch on security cameras until four minutes after warning sirens sounded. One immate was caught within

minutes but it took nearly two hours before all six were back

behind bars. Paul Magec, 48; Liam McCotter, 33; Gilbert 36; Liam McNamee, O'Duibhir, 34; Peter Sherry, 31, and non-IRA prisoner Andrew Russel, 34, deny trying to escape and firearms charges. Magee denies an additional charge of assault occasioning grevious bodily harm on the prison guard.

David Walters, for the prosecution, told the court the escape and its preparation were facilitated by "an overreadiness, perhaps, to agree to prisoners' wishes and demands". He said it was an attitude which "undoubtedly allowed the defendants to acquire items and prepare equipment without being discovered".

The court heard the attempt was aided because the motor of a mobile camera had been switched off after one prisoner complained about the lack of privacy. The escapees took full advantage of the resulting "blindspot" next to the perim-

The trial continues.

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Crazy Gang issues stinging rebuke to 'jellyfish' Lineker

FOOTBALL'S notorious hardman, Vinnie Jones, and his Wimbledon team-mates launched a stinging counter-attack on football's "Mr Nice Guy". Gary Lineker, yesterday. They called the former England captain a loser and as wet as a jellyfish".

The remarks were provoked by strong comments that Lineker made about about Jones, Paul Gascoigne and the Manchester United manager, Alex Ferguson. Lineker told Radio Times that Jones was a "self-hyped personality" who "isn't a good player" and was "no benefit to the game". He had previously said that the only way to watch Wimbledon, much crit-1 icised for their robust style of play, was on Teletext.

He described Ferguson as a strange bloke, irritated by everyone, I think. Of Gascoigne, the England star now playing for Glasgow Rangers. Lineker said: "Gazza has an in-built, self-destruct button, like a naughty schoolboy. When you talk to him, it goes



Lineker, left, is accused by Jones of being a wimp

in one ear and out the other. You can't change him.

Wimbledon, whose players are known as the Crazy Gang. issued a statement signed by the whole team yesterday. decorated with pictures of iellyfish. The statement said that Lineker, who is introducing BBCI's Match of the Day for a month while Desmond Lynam is on holiday, was

trying to beef up his image. It read: "In his typical selfish way, Lineker is trying to promote himself as a strong man with strong opinions. But it can never happen. He will always be perceived as a wimp. Lineker has the charisma of a jellyfish — and is just

as wet. He is a jellyfish without a sting and, in a war, he would have been the first to line up - behind Vinnie Jones - and the first to run for cover. The men he has attacked are all winners by nature and deed and he clearly envies them for one thing he will never have - a personality."

The Wimbledon team said the 35-year-old former Barcelona, Tottenham, Everton and Leicester striker was abusing his position at the BBC by smearing fellow professionals such as Jones, the Wimbledon

Lineker's agent, Jon Holmes, said that Lineker would not be commenting on the latest attack. But he joked: The accusation that Vinnie indulges in hype is obviously misplaced."

Lineker's criticism of Jones reopened a three-year war of words between them. It included a confrontation last year when the Welsh international midfielder threw a piece of toast at Lineker in a Dublin hotel and taunted him with cries of "big cars".

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Vatican insists celibacy rule is unchangeable as liberal pressure grows

Single devotion that has driven away thousands

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Vatican stood firm on celibacy for priests and nuns yesterday despite Cardinal Hume's apparent call for flexibility. A Varican spokesman said the Pope "insists on mandatory celibacy in the Latin Church. He does not want to change the rules."

But campaigners against the rule welcomed the debate opened up by the Bishop of Argyll case. Guido D'Altri, head of Vocatio, the organisation of Italian married priests, said 10,000 priests had left the Church over the past 20 years to get married. There are at present 40,000 priests serving in Italy.

A further 20,000 have left the Church in America for similar reasons in the past two decades. One senior figure who has hinted at the need for "flexibility" is Carlo Maria Martini, the Archbishop of Milan, who is seen as the liberal candidate to succeed John Paul II as Pope.

He has pleaded for tolerance on sexual issues and recently observed that, although celibacy would remain in force, "it may be possible for local adjustments to be made". He said he believed that celibacy would continue because of its spiritual values, but it was "not unthinkable" for the Church to adapt it.

In the United States, a survey of parish priests in The New York Times showed that 55 per cent believed they should be allowed to marry. There is also pressure created by former Protestant clergy who converted to Catholicism and are allowed to remain married. Nearly 100 American Catholic priests are married former Protestants. They argue that it is easier for them to

advise couples.

A. W. Richard Sipe, author of A Secret World: Sexuality and the Search for Celibacy and a lecturer at Johns Hopkins University, said he had concluded after 30 years of research that only half of Catholic priests practised celibacy, and that the Church

turned a blind eye to "lapses". In the Third World priests with wives or mistresses are common: it is estimated that half of Filipino priests have wives or concubines, according to Corpus (the Corps of Reserved Priests United for Service), which speaks for resigned priests in the United

American Catholics were galvanised last year by A Most Defiant Priest, a book by Anthony Girandola, who resigned as a priest in Bridgeport. Connecticut, to marry and have children. He said

Cardinal Martini: liberal candidate

"Why the Church continues to deny one of life's greatest joys and gifts to priests is beyond me." Father Girandola is planning a second book. Fathers Should get Married. Bert Peeters, former president of the International Federation of Married Priests. said: "In the early Church, marriage of priests, bishops and even Popes was not a problem. At the beginning of the 5th century married priests were asked not to have sexual relations with their wives before celebrating the

forbidden for priests to have sexual relations at all." The earliest canonical statement on celibacy was at the

Eucharist. It was not until a

century later that it was tacitly

4th-century Council of Elvira, but there were married priests and bishops until the 12th century. Partly in order to prevent priests passing Church property to offspring. celibacy was made compul-sory for the Latin Church's priesthood by the second Lateran Council of 1139.

Concubinage was rife in the Church in periods after that, in particular in the 15th century. In the 16th century, celibacy was abolished in the Church of England, recognis-ing the marriage of Archbish-op Thomas Cranmer.

But since the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, the debate has opened up, with opponents of celibacy arguing that Vatican II texts agreed that celibacy was not a dogma but "a rule". After the council, some older married men were allowed to become deacons. Deacons assist at the liturey but cannot celebrate the Eucharist or give absolution. The present Pope insisted

when he took over in 1978 that "dispensations" would no longer be permitted and that all priests must be faithful to their vows at all times. The priesthood was "an indissolu-ble matrimony with the Church". He said in 1992: "Virginity, chastity and celibacy retain their original mean-ing. They enable people to devote themselves to God with an undivided heart."

Dean Hoge, professor of sociology at Catholic University in Washington, said the number of young men becoming priests would quadruple if removed. Liberals say marriage would reduce the incidence of paedophilia and homosexuality in the clergy, and point out that several Popes in history fathered children, including the Borgia Pope, Alexander VI, who had

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Pope Alexander VI and courtesans celebrate his daughter Lucrezia Borgia's marriage

Open split in US hierarchy

THE celibacy of priests is one of a number of contentious issues of church doctrine that have recently provoked an open split in the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the Uni-

The number of Catholic priests in the United States has fallen from 36,000 in 1965 to 33,000 and is projected to slip to 21,000 by 2005. with more than half of them over 55. The slump coincides with a boom in the Catholic popu-

lation of America which, fuelled by the immigration and high birth rates among Hispanies and Asians, has increased from 40 million in 1965 to 60 million now and to a projected 75 million in 2005. At least partly due to the celibacy rule, would-be priests in America enter Catholic seminaries later in life. In 1965, 95 per cent were between 18 and 25. Now only 33 per cent are under 25, while 33 per

cent are 26 to 31 and 33 per cent are older. In an effort to bridge divisions, Cardinal Joseph Bernadin of Chicago, who is dying of cancer, recently proposed a series of national conferences starting next spring to find "common ground" between Catholics. The initiative was based on a document by the National Pastoral Life Centre in New York, which called for discussion of such controversial topics as priestly celibacy. contraception, abortion and the ordination of women.

That paper caused a rare outburst of public criticism, however, by traditionalist Church leaders.

Vice-chancellors plan to charge £1,000 for tuition

By John O'Leary, Education editor

SOME universities are considering charging at least £1,000 a year for tuition. Vicechancellors meeting at Sheffield University are expected tomorrow to endorse plans to charge students for tuition from the end of the century.

But some universities have indicated that they cannot wait that long for new funds. Huddersfield University has contingency plans to introduce fees of £1,000 next year and the London School of Economics is also to discuss the introduction of fees.

Other universities are expecied to make similar moves if November's Budget does not

Fees plan is opening bid for reform

THROUGHOUT the 1990s. universities have been inching their way towards charging students fees (John O'Leary writes). Tomorrow's expected endorsement of proposals for a national scheme will be another step along the road,

but no more than that. Only ministers can deliver a system of the type backed by those vice-chancellors who favour fees — financial realities have probably swollen the ranks sufficiently to see the package through the confer-ence. The plan may not reach Whitehall since it will be a submission to Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education. The proposals should be regarded more as an opening bid than a blue-print. There would be resistance whichever party forms the next government.

Repaying loans through National Insurance, for example, as the vice-chancellors recommend, may seem sensible and convenient. But the system has never been availible to outsiders and the Treasury remains reluctant to earmark public funds.

Both the Conservatives and Labour acknowledge that students will have to pay more, but neither has been prepared to risk alienating middle-class voters by going as far as the vice-chancellors would like.

bring relief to higher education. Birmingham University is one to have considered charging fees of at least £1,000.

A submission to the Government's review of higher education will also recommend abolishing grants to help raise an extra £6 billion a year for higher education.

Alan Rutherford, the Vice-Chancellor of London University, has already told MPs and peers that fees would have to be considered before the review is completed if standards were to be maintained. London would not sacrifice quality to "churn out a mass of eap, low-quality graduates". The scheme to be put to the

Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals envisages fees of El.200 a year, rising to £2,400 by 2005. Loans for maintenance costs would be £4.475 a year. Students would have 20 years to make repayments through National Insurance.

Doug Trainer, president of the National Union of Students, said his members would be "appailed" at proposals from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals. They would lead to higher education being available only to those who could afford it.

Mr Trainer accused the vice-chancellors of a "cop-out" by looking to students instead of the Government to make good the deficit. "Students are prepared to make a contribution to the cost of their own education, through loans covering their living costs, but asking them to re-pay the cost of tuition as well is too much."

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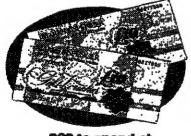
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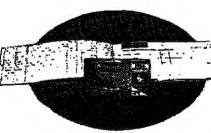
A Labour spokesman said the party did not propose asking students to contribute towards the cost of fees. "Once you start doing that, where do you draw the line? The danger is that you would end up with students paying all their fees."

The vice-chancellors' scheme would transfer about third of the cost of tuition from the Government to students. Repayments would add about 3p in the pound to graduates' tax burden, although those on low incomes would have payments deferred.





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Iron Lady turned squeamish over painted scenes of bloodshed

BARONESS THATCHER. whose fearlessness as Prime Minister earned her the sobriquel the Iron Lady, had an aversion to the sight of blood. She was so squeamish that she ordered several gory oil paintings at Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence, to be hidden when she

arrived in 1979. According to Jane Uff, curator of the Chequers Trust. Lady Thatcher had been upset by several large canvases that depicted bloody hunting scenes and wounded animals. Miss Uff told the BBC Radio 4 programme Inside Chequers, broadcast yesterday. that Lady Thatcher had found the pictures "gruesome" and could not bear to have them prominently displayed.

The paintings to which she had most objected were The Lion and The Mouse, by Frans Snyders, and Young Sportsman with Dog and Dead Game. by Jan Fyl. Both have been part of the large Chequers art collection since the house, in Buckinghamshire, was bequeathed to the nation in 1917 by Lord Lee of

As was her right, the Prime Minister had the offending paintings removed from principal rooms to smaller antechambers and back staircases. Less disturbing paint-ings were put up in their place. "She didn't like blood and guts coming out of animals, which I can well under-stand." Miss Uff said. "She had them placed elsewhere so that they were not the first entered the house."

Baroness Thatcher's hitherto unknown vulnerability will come as a surprise to former colleagues and supporters. One former aide said: "She

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Former aide

could wade through blood if she had to."

The gory paintings remain part of the Chequers collection. Most of the pictures are family portraits connected to the history of the house and its former owners. Others paintings were from the personal collection of the Lee family.

Chequers was close to Baroness Thatcher's heart. Unlike John and Norma Major who still live in Huntingdon.

home and spent most weekends there. In her memoirs, she wrote: "I do not think anyone has stayed long at Chequers without falling in love with it."

Frans Snyders and Jan Fyt. the two 17th-century artists who painted the gory scenes, will not turn in their graves over news of Baroness Thatcher's disapproval (Dalya Alberge writes). They were awarded the

ultimate accolade, respect from their great contemporary. Rubens. The master, who had assistants and pupils producing pictures at his studio in almost assembly-line fashion, commissioned Snyders and Fyt to paint sections of his own paintings. Snyders worked on still-lifes and animals in them and Fyt is believed to have painted some of the backgrounds.

from criticising Lady Thatcher, said that she wa justified in refusing to live with such pictures. Julia Lloyd-Williams, curator of Dutch and Flemish art at the National Galleries of Scotland, said that the Snyders painting was wonderfully vi-tal and brilliant, particularly in its depiction of dripping blood - "but I wouldn't want to eat my dinner in front of it".



The Lion and the Mouse by Frans Snyders: Margaret Thatcher had this and other gory pictures banished to the back staircases at Chequers

13 died when coach driver 'had lapse of concentration'

By RICHARD DUCE

THIRTEEN people on a British Legion outing "drifted quietiv" to their deaths when their coach driver either fell asleep or lost concentration, a court was told yesterday. Steven Brown lost control of the Volvo coach which crashed through a harrier and overturned into a water-filled cul-

vert on the M4 near Bristol. Ten people were killed at the scene and three others died in hospital. All were either war veterans or their relatives. Bristol Crown Court was told. The party had been returning to Dorset in May last year from a day-trip to a brewery in Cardiff organised by the Royal British Legion Club in Christchurch. Mr Brown, 40, of Bournemouth, denies a specimen charge that by dangerous driving he caused the death of

Kathleen Coombes, 76. Alun Jenkins, prosecuting, said there was no suggestion that Mr Brown had been drinking or had been speeding when the coach left the motorway between the Severn Bridge and the Almondsbury interchange on the hot and sunny afternoon. "But this driver either fell asleep or failed to maintain his concentration - perhaps because of the nature of the afternoon in circumstances where he should have maintained his attention and should have

stayed awake," he said. He described how, on a gradual bend, the coach "drifted quietly" off the motorway. It smashed through post-and-rail fencing and toppled into

Mr Jenkins said Mr Brown had started work at 7.25am and had picked up his British Legion party about Sam. They arrived at the brewery some four hours later.

He emphasised that Mr Brown was not seen to drink during the brewery tour and the prosecution was not claiming he had driven for excessive hours. Mr Jenkins said that a car driver who was crash saw no brake lights or any violent movement.

He said the jury would also hear evidence that the coach's tachograph recording device provided no evidence of hard braking or violent movement. Neither was there evidence that an obstacle, such as a wooden pallet, had forced the coach driver to take evasive

Mr Jenkins said: "Here there is a driver who has 40 people's lives in his hands. He must have felt tired and that tiredness may have resulted in him falling asleep. It certainly resulted in him losing concentration."

If that was the case, he said, then it was beyond doubt that the driving of a man in charge of a public service vehicle fell below the standard of competence required. In the circumstances of this case it must have been obvious that you could not take risks of falling asleep when you are likely to kill or injure."

Brian Gwynne, the coach owner from Laguna Travel. Bournemouth, told the jury that Mr Brown was a loyal and faithful man". He was still employed as a driver by the company. The trial contin-

Jogger wife stabbed her husband

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WIFE subjected to 13 years of mental and physical cruelty snapped when her drunken husband made her go jogging to lose weight while he followed in a car.

She stabbed him five times after telephoning police and telling them that she intended to take her revenge, a court was told yesterday. However, Mary Connors asked the desk sergeant how best to avoid plunging the knife in her victim's heart as she did not want to kill him "because the children like their father".

Mrs Conners, 30, a mother of five, was sentenced to two years' probation - including psychiatric supervision - at Teesside Cruwn Court. The jury was told that James ■ Connors made his wife go running late one night near their home in Thornaby-on-Tees. The next day she at-

Mrs Connors admitted wounding. However, the court was told that her husband had refused to make an official

£1m royal stamps go on display

BY ALAN HAMILTON

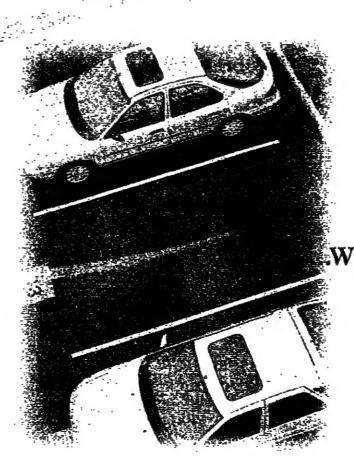
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Both are from Mauritius, dated 1847, and one, an unused twopenny, is regarded as the finest specimen in the royal collection. It was bought by the future King George V at auction in 1904 for £1,450, then a world record price.

Courtiers said of George V that he spent his entire life shooting defenceless birds or sticking stamps in albums. His collection ran to 325 volumes. When the Mauritius twopenny came up for auction, he is said to have instructed his agent to telegraph him at Sandringham if he was able to buy it, but on no account to mention the price. When a courtier subsequently asked him if he had heard that some fool had paid £1,450 for a stamp, he replied: "I was that

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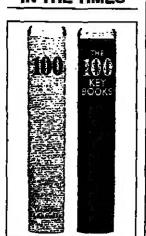
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Government accuses Germany of failing to observe international accord

Britain pleads for abducted children

GERMANY was named by the Government yesterday as the worst offender for harbouring children snatched by a parent in "tug-of-love" cases, against the spirit of the 43nation Hague Convention on Child Abduction. In a highly unusual step, the

Lord Chancellor's Department said that the German authorities had been loath to observe the international agreement to return youngsters to their resident country in custody cases. Last year 17 ases from England and Wales led to formal requests to Germany, yet none of the children was returned to its lawful parent by judicial process. Four were handed over

Officials in the Lord Chancellor's Department accused the German courts of hiding behind legal technicalities which allowed countries to override the obligation to re-patriate a child if he or she would be "in danger" if re-turned, or the child was mature enough to express a wish.

Ministers plan to condemn the conduct of Germany and to a lesser extent the United States, Greece and Spain - next March at a Commission of the Hague Convention to review the operation of procedures governing international child abduction. Gary Streeter, Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, pledged that Britain would take the lead.

According to government statistics, there were 156 applications last year for the return of children to England and Wales, and 158 applications from other countries to Britain, involving a total of 488

A SCOTTISH farm has lost an

estimated £250,000 of salmon

after an incident in which

jellyfish stung the fish in their

Up to 100 tonnes of salmon

from Loch Fyne. Strathclyde,

were destroyed after a build-

up of several thousand lion's

mane jellyfish, thought to

have been caused by unusual

tidal and breeding conditions.

children. The case of Catherine Laylie, whose estranged German husband abducted their two sons in 1994, has been a key to the Government's strong response.

Ms Laylie has fought a long battle with the German courts after judges refused to recognise a British High Court order demanding their return. Mr Streeter said: "All of us feel compassion for the children caught up in abduction cases. The Hague Convention has been a reasonable success. Now we are seeking to improve the workings."

In England and Wales. cases from abroad are referred directly to the High Court for an order for the return of the child. The application automatically attracts legal aid. Mr Streeter said that, if necessary, children are escorted on to an aircraft. He wants other countries to go some way towards a uniform response by establishing "best practice" principles.

Ministers want to strengthen adherence to the general principle that, in cases where the abducted child expresses a wish to remain in the country to which they have been taken, the decision of the courts in the child's native country should take precedence. An international arbitration panel has also been suggested. Reunite, the National Coun-

cil for Abducted Children, estimates that more than 1.000 were taken from Britain each year and only a fraction were returned. Denise Carter, director of the council, emphasised the need for a fasttrack appeals system like Britain's: The longer a dispute goes on, the more difficult it

Jellyfish attack farm salmon

It is believed to be the most

damaging case of its kind in

tive of the Scottish Salmon

Growers' Association, said:

'Although jellyfish do pose a

threat to fish, the last major

incident was in Shetland some

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He said that the freak

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William Crows, chief execu-

Scottish fish farming.



I have no rights, says CATHERINE LAYLLE has had no contact with her sons Alexander, 11, left, and mother of snatched boys Constantin, 9, since she spoke to them by telephone in December 1994. She was trav-

in search of a British publisher, her story has already prompted the Lord Chancellor's Department to act. Officials in the department said that her plight was one of the spurs behind ministers' determination to reform the

elling to Paris yesterday on

the latest leg of her physically and financially exhausting

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The Children Behind A

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The lion's mane jellyfish

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Convention on International Child Abduction. In 1994 Ms Lavile's estranged German husband.

Peter Volkmann, abducted their sons while they were staying with him on holiday. A court in his home town refused to recognise a British

ing their return.

High Court order demand-

Legally Ms Laylle, 43, from London, can see her children for four hours a month, but even this is denied to her. Her husband will not allow access for fear that she will snatch them back. "I have no rights," she said. "To my husband I would like to say: Think of the children.' No man who loves his children could deny to them their right

Volunteers banned from releasing mental patients

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

STEPHEN DORRELL is to remove the power of lay health volunteers to discharge potentially violent mental patients from hospital.

The Health Secretary took action after Glen Grant, a double rapist who had schizophrenia, was released from a psychiatric unit by a panel of three health volunteers against the advice of a psychiatrist who had given warning that he might be violent. Four days later Grant raped again. He was given five life sentences by the Old Bailey in February.

A working group was set up to look at the system of discharging psychiatric pa-tients. Mr Dorrell's move. announced yesterday, followed the publication of the working group's report. As soon as a legislative slot can be found, he will strip "lay managers" panels" of what he called their "anomalous" rights to discharge patients detained under the Mental Health Act. His move was welcomed by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, whose members have been infuriated at their clinical decisions being overturned, and by the mental health campaign group SANE.

But another mental health charity, Mind, argued that it was a politically motivated move to give the impression of action, with a general election approaching. They said that it would lead to more patients waiting for longer periods to be released, with no guarantee of better decisions.

"Lay managers" exercise the

right to decide whether mental patients should be detained against their will. The practice is derived from the asylum system and dates back to the 19th century. The volunteers need have no medical qualifications; some receive just a day's training.

Although nationally, only 5 per cent of releases are made against medical advice, in one area that rose to 50 per cent. A mental patient who is "sectioned" - kept against his will for his or the public's safety - can apply to the panel of lay managers or to a mental health review tribunal, a formal body consisting of a lay member, a doctor and a legal chairman, to be released. The tribunals are to have sole responsibility

NEWS IN BRIEF

Handgun discovered in prison

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Police and sniffer dogs were called in to help to search a jail after a Walther PPK handgun and seven rounds of ammunition were found hidden in the cavity of a garden wall. Coldingley prison, near Bisley, Surrey, is a Category C jail and does not house highrisk prisoners among its 286 inmates. Earlier this year, an inspection report criticised the low level of searches there. The weapon was discovered after a tip-off, in an area where prisoners meet for daily association. Tony Pearson, head of security in the Prison Service. said: The possibility of a serious incident has been

Quick return

A prisoner freed four weeks early in the confusion over release dates is behind bars after allegedly committing ten crimes in 11 days. The man, 20, from Nottingham, was taken into custody after the Crown Prosecution Service appealed against a decision to bail him.

Revenge on gulls

Environment officials in Scarborough are to be equipped with 2ft-long, pump-action water rifles in an effort to prevent seagulls from settling in town-centre nests in the North Yorkshire resort. The weapons can fire a jet of water about 50ft.

Ford brake fault

Ford asked owners of some Fiesta models to take their cars to dealers for adjustments after a brake pedal problem was reported. About 81,000 new model Fiestas and Courier vans built between June 1995 and July 1996 are

Breakfast tipple

Glasgow, which banned the drinking of alcohol in its streets last month, will allow many pubs to open at 8am from next spring under a plan intended to increase tourism. The Licensing Board said: civilise drinking in Glasgow."

Handy bequest

A childless couple who died within days of each other left their £300,000 house to their handyman. Frank Donohue, Gordon and Peggie Bloor, of Thornton, Blackpool. Mr. Bloor was vice-chairman of Blackpool FC.

Unlucky break

Norman Pace, of the cornedy double act Hale and Pace, has broken his pelvis falling off a horse while holidaying in Spain. He will be flown back to Britain for treatment. Hale and Pace had just learnt to ride for a programme in which they learn to play polo.

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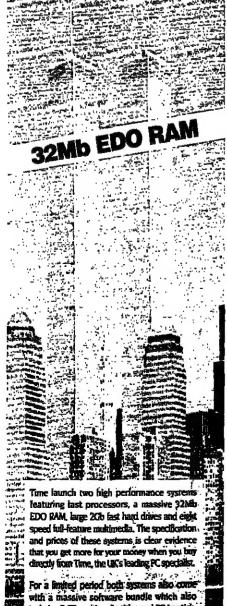
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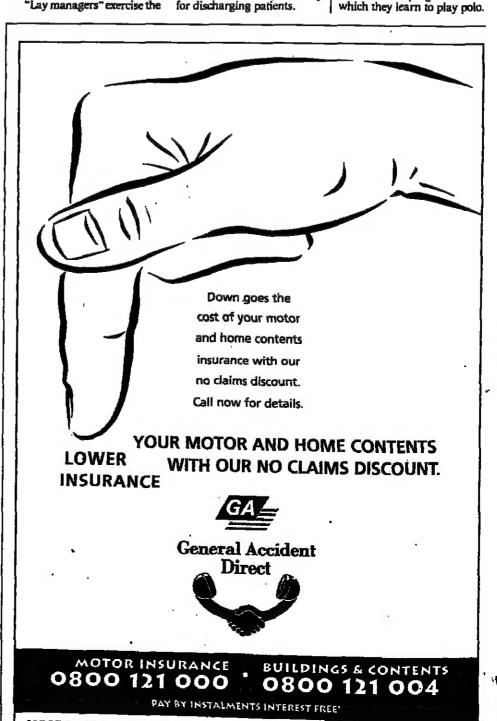
A HOARD of 160 Roman coins unearthed at a secret location in north Suffolk has proved to consist entirely of fakes: instead of being solid silver the coins are bronze covered with silver plate.

On some the work is so amateurish that the Roman emperor's name is misspelt: "T Claud", for Tiberius Claudius, appears as "T Caud". Some experts speculate that the counterfeit cash may have

been used by Roman generals to pay their soldiers. But John Oma-Omstein, curator of Roman coins at the British Museum, who has been negotiating to buy the hoard, is doubtful. The Roman au-thorities punished forgery very severely," he said yester-day. "I do not think they could have adopted such a policy in one part of the empire while conniving at counterfeiting elsewhere."

The coins appear to date from the reign of Claudius between AD 41 and 54. All but four bear his image. Because they are base metal counterfeits they are not subject to the rules on treasure trove. Some from the hoard have already been sold, but the Department of National Heritage has stepped in to prevent eight going abroad.

Lord Inglewood, a Heritage Minister, announced that an export licence would be deferred, at least until Novemeber, to give time for a British buyer to come forward. Despite being fakes, three coins have been valued at £825 each, and the rest at



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Heathland revival raises hope for rare species

THE 200-year decline in Britain's heathlands has been reversed, raising hope for the survival of rare species including the sand lizard, the silverstudded blue butterfly, the Dartford warbler and Dorset heath heather.

Over the past ten years the trend for areas of heathland to be lost to road, housebuilding and scrub has been halted and up to 550 hectares of damaged heath has been restored, experts will tell a conference in the New Forest today.

Graham Wynne, director of conservation at the Royal Sociery for the Protection of Birds. said: "We have lost 72 per cent of heathlands since 1750 and the loss has continued right up to the late 1980s. But we seem to have stopped the rot."

However, he said that an upturn in the economy could bring the bulldozers back to these important British habitats, which account for a fifth of Europe's heaths. Many of the remaining heaths cling on in counties such as Dorset. Suffolk, Surrey and Hamp-shire where there are strong development pressures.

Mr Wynne said that by eserving heathlands, areas of land created by Bronze Age farmers and settlers and their animals, would benefit people

as well as wildlife. A survey by English Nature, the Government's wildlife advisory body, found that 90 per cent of people thought that heathland should be preserved. Most of those questioned used heaths walking and bird-

The revival in the fortunes of Britain's heaths has come partly from the recession and partly from more than El million given by BP and the European Union under the European Life programme.

Helpers set land ablaze

A GROUP trying to preserve an ancient heath set fire to it instead. Hundreds of rabbits and hedgehogs were killed when flames up to 30ft swept half a mile across the coastal heath near RAF Woodvale at Southport, Merseyside, on Sunday night.
The fire started as volun-

teers in the Sefton Coast Life Project, which is partly funded by English Nature, tried to remove gorse for National Heathland Week. The group accepted responsibility for the "sad but not unrecover-

Nigel Symes, the RSPB's Dot set heathland project manag er, said yesterday that severa sites were being restored, in cluding Blackhill Heath, part of which were overrun with bracken, and Grange Heath where dense scrub was taking hold. At Trigon Heath, near Wareham, restoration had en couraged the return of small numbers of breeding pairs o heathland birds such as wood lark and nightjar.

Britain is committed to helping 116 species and severa: habitats, including heaths under its recently announced biodiversity strategy, which meets commitments made by the Prime Minister at the Earth Summit in Rio. There are 45,000 hectares of heathland left in Britain, mostly in England. The strategy calls for a 10 per cent increase by 2005, which will cost about £675,000.

Mr Wynne said that, where heaths were under threat, their future was largely in the hands of government agen-cies, including Forestry Enter-prise and the Ministry of Defence. He urged landowners to take up grants offered by English Nature and the Forestry Commission for the restoration of heaths and return of grazing animals.



Nigel Symes of the RSPB is helping to restore several heathland sites in Dorset



THE population of seabirds

on several islands off the

Pembrokeshire coast has fall-

en in the wake of the Sea

A report by the Govern-ment's wildlife advisers in

Wales challenges claims that

the oil spill in February was

far less damaging than wild-life groups first believed. Mick

Baines, of the Dyfed Wildlife

Trust in Newport, Gwent.

who has co-ordinated the sur-

veys, said yesterday: "As far as

scabirds are concerned, it has

clearly had a significant

Society for the Protection of

Birds, said that the findings

vindicated the charity's asser-

tions at the time that the spill

was serious. "It is going to

take a long time to replace these lost birds. Guillemots

only lay a maximum of one

The surveys, published by the Countryside Council for

Wales, show that, in and

around the areas where the

slicks appeared, some small

colonies have declined by up

to 58 per cent: bigger colonies

have declined by up to 16 per

cent. Colonies outside the af-

fected areas have continued to

rise, indicating that the falls

can be linked to the tanker

disaster rather than bad wea-

ther, normal illnesses or a

On St Margaret's Island

there were 791 breeding guille-

mots in 1995 but the latest sur-

vey shows numbers are down to 334. "It is quite dramatic," Mr Baines said. Although the ledges had been stained white

decline in food reserves.

egg per pair." he said.

Tony Prater, of the Royal

Empress disaster.

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Lottery grants to revive age of steam

BY JOHN YOUNG

NOSTALGIA for the great days of steam is behind the award of grants totalling nearly £600,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore three historic locomotives and to improve display facilities.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Trust in Haworth, west Yorkshire, will receive £95,000 to help to restore an 0-6-0 locomotive. No 752, built in 1881 for freight duties. It was given to the trust in 1967 and will haul coaches
on the Keighley and Worth
Valley Railway, which carries
150,000 passengers every year.
Two other grants go to
projects associated with the

same railway: £189,600 to the Vintage Carriages Trust, in Keighley, to extend its museum and to provide a new workshop and service pit, and E87,000 to the Ingrow Railway Museum in Keighley to allow it to display engines owned by the Bahamas Locomotive

The Darlington Railway Centre and Museum will be given £100,000 to repair and convert the Hopetown carriageworks, on the site of the world's first passenger railway, the Stockton and Darlington, to provide an

assembly workshop. At Preston, Lancashire, the Furness Railway Trust receives £97,500 for the rebuilding of Locomotive No 18, which first saw service in 1863 and which will return to work on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, a big tourist attraction in Cumbria.

The Midland Railway Centre, in Swanwick, Derbyshire, gets £20,000 to help to restore the Princess Elizabeth. one of 12 Princess Royals built in Crewe in the 1930s for the London, Midland and Scottish Railways, Named after the present Queen, it took part in a record-breaking run from London to Glasgow in 1936 to test the feasibility of non-stop inter-city running.

Restoration of the last surviving "sidewinder" trawler from the once lucrative distant water fleet, which roamed the North Atlantic fisheries from its base in Hull, is to be completed with the help of E147.200 from the fund. The Arctic Corsair will be moored in the old town and will provide educational displays and guided tours for an expected to,000 visitors a year.



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Seabirds in decline after BY NICK NUTTALL

Pembroke oil disaster By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT Stacks, more than 2,650 birds have disappeared, with some colonies down by 16 per cent. Mr Baines said that, although

> than expected. Numbers of breeding guille mots and razorbills had been rising in Pembrokeshire over many years by between 5 and 6 per cent. So the lack of increase at these colonies is probably due to the oil spill."

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tained their numbers, the

overall population was lower

Dr Malcolm Smith, director f policy and science at the Countryside Council for Wales, said: The monitoring studies we commissioned recorded 3,403 fewer guillemots breeding in south Pembrokeshire this year than in 1995, a 17 per cent decline overall. In the area affected by the oil spill the numbers of other scabird species have also decreased.

Shag and cormorant populations are reduced, and the razorbill population has declined by 7 per cent, over 400 birds," he said. In north Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion, away from the oil spill numbers continued to increase, with a thousand more

He added that the findings indicated that a large number of birds had died at sea, the deaths having been unrecorded. Mr Baines said the birds that had survived seemed to be producing eggs and chicks: But we do not know anything about the quality of the food they were feeding their chicks and whether or not that was contaminated.

Not until next year will the monitoring programme disclose if the quality of the food has had any longer-term ill



Thompson: he can now read books again

Star Trek headset helps man to see again

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A DOCTOR who had to give up work when he lost his sight is able to read again thanks to a high-tech device originally developed for the American space agency Nasa. Dr Bob Thompson, from

Hutton Buscel, near Scarborough, North Yorkshire, was forced to retire early after he developed macular degeneration, leaving him with peripheral vision only. The condition is common in older people. Dr Thompson was told

about a device called LVES flow vision enhancement system), developed by Dr Boh Massoff at the Wilmer Instirute in Baltimore, and manufactured by Sight Line Incorporated. "It was amazing, as I could actually read a book for the first time for more than a year." he said.

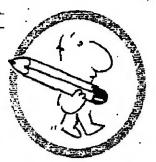
The device consists of three miniature television cameras mounted on a headband. A greatly magnified image is projected onto a mirror and directly into the eyes.

It can also be plugged directly into the television or video recorder so that I can watch those too," Dr Thompson said. The images are black and white, but he said that was a small price to pay.

The system is powered by a battery pack or the mains. The eyes are covered by the headset, which looks rather like a virtual reality system. "My children think the equipment is great fun because you look like somebody out of Star Trek," he said.

in the United States. Adapting it for the different television system in Britain increased the cost to just over £4,500.

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The judges will be: John Jensen (chairman), chair-man BCA: Chic Jacob, trea-To see if you can make the judges of the second annual Mel Calman Awards sit surer BCA: Mark Bryant, secretary of BCA: Peter Maddocks, founder of BCA: Pat Huntley, sec-retary, The Friends of the up, send them a pocket cartoon — the single-col-umn joke for which Mel Calman was best known -Cartoon Art Trust: Enzo on a topical national news Apicella, BCA member: David Driver, Head of

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RULES: The BCA/Times Young Carterins of the Year Award 1996 is open in any British national under the age of 30 on December 31, 1996. There are two categories for entrantis Under 30 and Under 18 Cartonnies already working for a national

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returned after the competition tentrants should photocopy their work before posting! Entries may be exhibited, sold or auctioned.

Calman exhibition demonstrates the little art of thinking big

Honouring the master as search begins for a new pocket genius

Today The Times launches its second annual competition for young cartoonists in memory of Mel Calman, whose daily front-page cartoons gave Times readers a wry, mischievous and frequently moving snapshot of the passing world. The launch of the competition coincides with the opening of a retrospective of Calman's work at London's Royal National Theatre.

The judges are looking for a pocket cartoon - the single-column joke for which Calman was renowned - on a topical national news story. Sponsored by The Times and the British Cartoonists' Association, the competition is hopcan follow in the footsteps of past masters such as Calman and Mark Boxer, and join

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cluding Man (The Daily Telegraph). Peter Brookes (The Times) and Steve Bell (The Guardian). Brookes and Bell are among the judges, who also include Calman's writer daughter, Clare.

The winner gets £1,500. Any entrant seeking inspiration could do worse than head for the Lyttleton Circle at the National, on the South Bank. for the exhibition, A Collection of Calmans, begins this morning, spanning a 30-year career in newspapers, magazines, books, television, radio and advertising.

The trove includes every thing from those topical jokes reflecting Calman's insights into politics or human condi-tion — many of which seasoned the front pages of The Times for 15 years until his death in 1994 - and his drawings for the Evening

Standard and The Sunday Few have made such a charac-Telegraph, to his colour drawings of Cannes and Glyndebourne and sketches behind the scenes at the Royal

The battle of the sexes - on which Calman was an accomplished armchair and drawing-board expert - is well covered at the show, which includes the rarely seen Calman in Eden and his twotier Couples strips. These were recently unearthed in his legendary, Kafka-approved filing system in which he carefully filed everything under M for Miscellaneous.

Opera House.

The broadcaster and writer Michael Palin, a long-time friend of the cartoonist, said: "The autobiographical ele-ment is what gives Mel's work a raw edge of honesty and an appeal that makes the Calman trademark stand out among those of his contemporaries.

teristic imprint on their

Calman could barely look at an old envelope, a tablecloth, a strip of wallpaper (still stuck to the wall), even a drawer lining without doodling on it, and included in the work on display at the National are ceramics, birthday cards, book ideas, doodles and sketchbooks never previously shown

in public. John Langley, theatre man-ager of the National, said: "Mel was a huge fan of the National. We were just now opening one of his sketchbooks and a 1978 ticket for the Lyttleton dropped out. He was often here on first nights."

There is another link between the cartoonist and the National. Sir Peter Hall, director of The Oedipus Plans which opened last night, was at school with Calman at The Perse, in Cambridge. Sir Peter may have dazzled some of the teachers more, but both boys appeared in the same school production of Hamlet.

"I need hardly say Peter Hall was Hamlet," Calman later recalled. He was Third Player. "Still, my part was poison in the King's ear - and the whole plot does rather hang on this murder." In spite of a bout of stage

fright, Calman's performance was word-perfect. He left for home glowing after the curtain fell. At the bus stop, he

met his English master, Mr Wollman, who asked if he had enjoyed the play. "Vey much, sir," Calman beamed proudly. "I was in it." "Really?" Mr Wollman said. "I

The closing date for en-tries for this year's Mel Calman Awards is December 31. The two runnersup will receive £500 each and there will be a special category for those under 18, also with a

Joining this year's judging panel will be Jonathan Cosick. last year's 17-year-old winner shire, whose caricature of BBC2's Food And Drink team beat a heavy postbag of

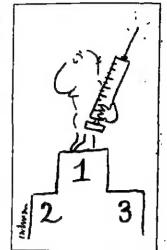
competition. Since winning, Cusick has been approached with various possible commissions, including painting a caricature of the Bishop of Birmingham and doing a mural for an indoor ski-slope in Tamworth. Next week, he begins his degree in visual communications at the University of Central England

in Birmingham.
"After that," he says, "[1] either do an MA or start a career as a cartoonist. Winning has definitely given me a lift and made me more confident.

"It has also made me more resilient against criticism." Handy for a cartoonist.

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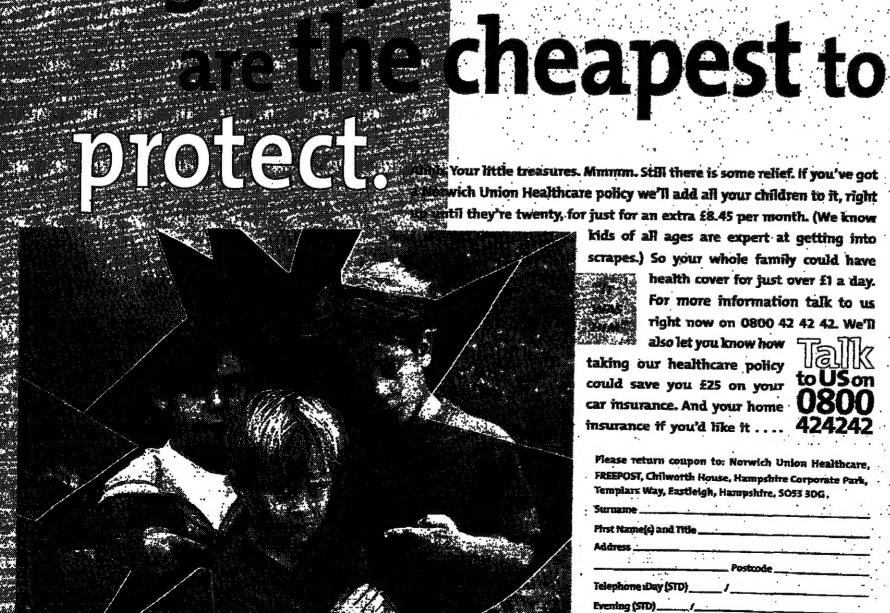












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Housman finally squeezes into Poets' Corner

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SIXTY years after his death. A. E. Housman won his place in Westminster Abbey yesterday when a memorial window was unveiled by one of his most eminent students. Enoch Powell.

Housman's admission to Poets' Corner is the result of several years lobbying by, among others, the late Sir Kingsley Amis, Dame Iris Murdoch, Seamus Heaney and Mr Powell. At yesterday's service of dedication, selections from the poet's work were read by another admirer, Aian Bennett.

The memorial coincides with the centenary of publication of Housman's best-loved and most familiar work, A Shropshire Lad, which has never been out of print since. He was a native of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and never lived in Shropshire, but wrote of an idealised rural land inspired by the blue remembered hills he saw to the west as a boy.

He became a distinguished classical scholar and Professor of Latin at Cambridge, where he taught the young Powell, who tried to emulate his poetry. The retired MP still cites him as the inspiration of his life.

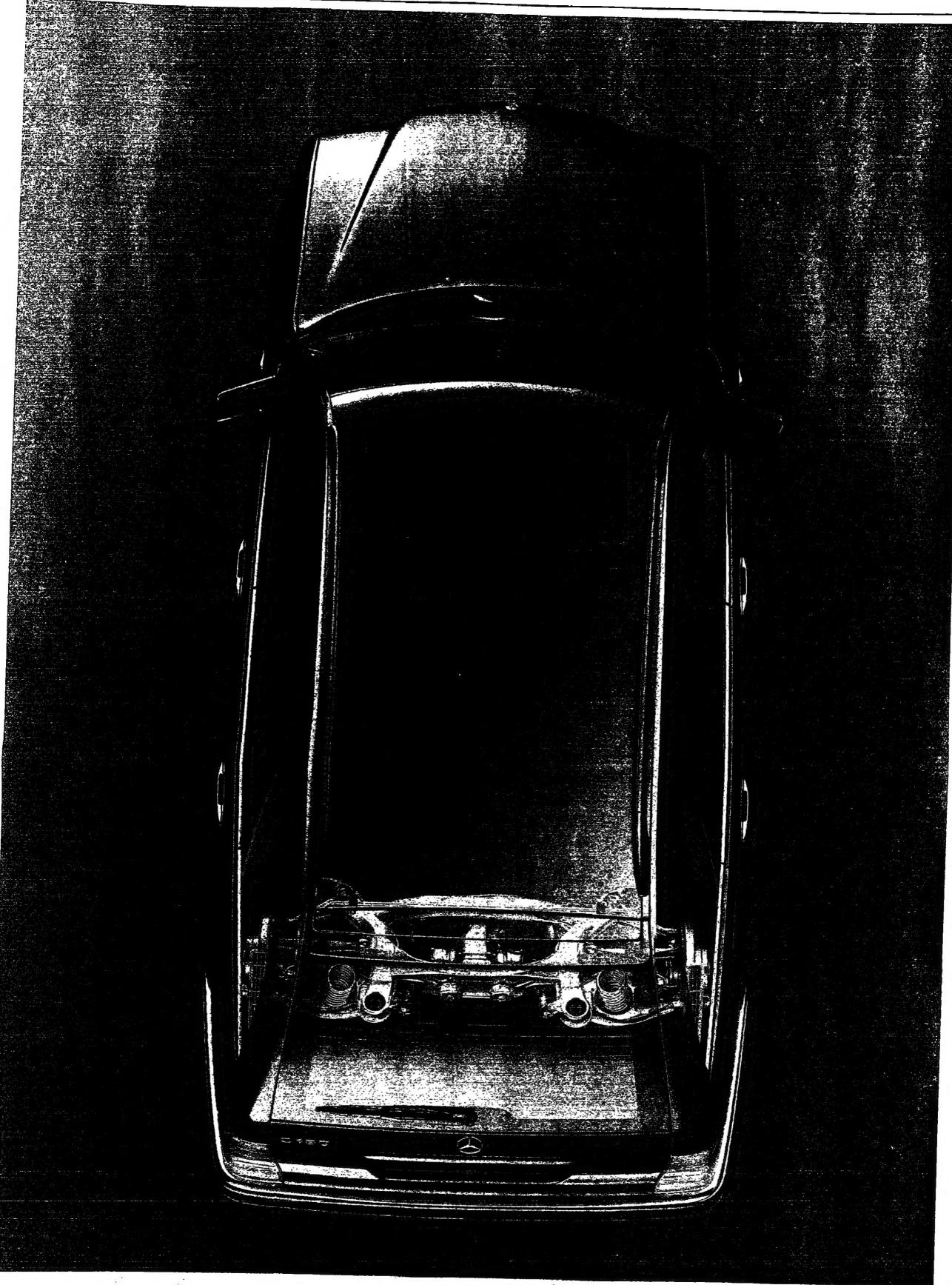
Poets' Corner is becoming

so crowded that there is little room left on floor or walls for further memorials. The Housman tablet is in fact a stained glass panel showing his name and dates (1859-1936) in one of the south transept windows. which now takes the commemorative overflow and where he joins Robert Herrick. Alexander Pope and, most recently, Oscar Wilde, A stained glass memorial to Sir John Betjeman follows later this year.

Emma St John Smith. spokeswoman for the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. said yesterday that memorials in the abbey were by no means confined to literary figures: next week a plaque would be unveiled to Thomas Clarkson, the anti-slavery pioneer regarded by many as a more important figure than William Wilberforce.

But a memorial in the abbey is not something that ever happens in a hurry. The dean wants to be very sure that he has got it right. because it is going to be there in perpetuity. The Housman panel was the result of years rather than months of lobbying,

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Franco-German drive for unity slows to a crawl in fog of misunderstanding

A DENSE fog settled over southwest Germany yesterday morning, disrupting attempts by French and German financial chiefs to stage a much-needed display of unity as Europe heads for a round of crucial summits. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, was up early to greet his French colleague. Jean Arthuis, but his team searched the sky in vain for a sign of the

helicopter from Paris. In the end the ministers, later joined by central bank governors

with a snatched session in an airport lounge, abbreviated goodwill ceremonies and a hollowsounding declaration in which both countries vowed that they were well on course for European monetary union.

The fog. however, set the mood of the day for rarely has there been so much mutual bewilderment about the motives and intentions of the two partners who claimed to be the engine of the European Union. Germany's 1997 budget. unveiled last week, puts the coun-

criteria for monetary union. But much depends on the reliability of the growth forecast and a number of incomplete sums including the estimates of tax revenue for next year. Herr Waigel certainly reck-ons on the need for yet another round of spending cuts that will

bite into dole payments. France presents its budget today and this, too, will see swingeing cuts in the civil service and in subsidies to meet the EMU target. No amount of coffee and sandwiches yesterday could wash away

the impression that Germany sus-pects France of trying to meet the Maastricht targets with creative book-keeping, while France suspects the Germans of wanting to engineer a delay in the start-up date for the common currency.

That is a rough approximation of the whole Franco-German relationship. The drive for monetary union has brought the countries together, but it has also increased the number of cross-frontier resentments. Why cannot the Bundesbank help the French by chopping interest rates — a case of

Frankfurt versus Franc Fort? Why do the Germans not come up with bolder initiatives? Why are the French not communicating more? Why do they pretend that the Franco-German relationship has not changed since unification?

French and Germans have scores of ministerial meetings every year, yet German officials confide they achieve much more in their rarer, more candid, encounters with the British.

Dominique Bocquet, who was general secretary of the European Movement between 1991 and 1996.

urges France to shed its indecisiveness about European policy, to accept that Germany is no longer acting from a position of weakness and to develop a more respectful relationship with the smaller EU states that currently find Germany a more sympathetic partner. The Germans have their own complaints. They say that lack of consultation is constantly wrongfooting them. French nuclear testing in the Pacific, plans to get rid of military conscription, confusing the mission of the Franco-German brigade, vagueness about joint

arms projects, even a possibility that France may adjust its clocks to a different time from Germany: all are irritating Bonn beyond

Consolation dinners between Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and President Chirac are held every six weeks - but they are an unsatisfactory substitute for the long. often philosophical, phone calls with François Mitterrand.

"The Chancellor doesn't like surprises." said a German official who has been charting the

Rifkind calls for swift expansion of Nato by 1999

By Eve-Ann Prentice, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SOME former Warsaw Pact countries queueing to join Nato should be welcomed into the fold by 1999, according to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, in the first concrete declaration that Britain wants to see an enlargement of the alliance before the end of the

"I hope that the first new members of Nato will be with us at the table in 1999 when Nato celebrates its fiftieth anniversary," Mr Rifkind is to say in a wide-ranging speech in Zurich today, 50 years after Churchill made a ringing call for a unified Europe in the

same Swiss city. Mr Rifkind will temper his enthusiasm for swift Nato enlargement with a tinge of caution to the potential newcomers, however, saying they will have to show what they can contribute to the security of the alliance: not just what they will receive in return".

The Foreign Secretary will also stress Britain's commitment to Europe, but says that "there is a lesson for Europe's leaders: we should not proceed down a path of integration faster or further than our people are prepared to go".

Mr Rifkind will add that Churchill did not expect or want Britain to be part of a... United States of Europe, but had referred in his 1946 speech to Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union being "the friends and sponsors of the new Europe".

Britain has a policy agenda to meet Europe's real needs," Mr Rifkind will say. "We want to strengthen European de-fence co-operation, to enhance

He will urge people not to become "obsessed by internal institutional wrangling ... if we want to help millions of our citizens find jobs, let us promote competitiveness and free trade, not force on employers the dogmatic prescriptions of the Social Chapter".

The Foreign Secretary be-lieves it "would be odd in the

Warning on **EMU** debate

Brussels: Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission, warned Britain yesterday that bit-ter domestic debate about monetary union was endangering its ability to influence the project (Charles Bremner writes).

The more polarised the debate becomes, the more our European neighbours will become convinced that Britain's arguments ... should not be taken seriously during this key preparatory stage." Sir Leon told a Brussels congress. adding: "Now is the time ... Britain should remain open-minded about the single currency.

extreme, at a time when countries across Europe wish to come on board, for Britain or any other member to elect to walk the plank off the other side. But I reject, too, the our security. ratchet of unending institutional integration that is a decade behind the reality of a competitive, decentralised

> Mr Rifkind will also praise Germany and stress the importance of the reconciliation tween France and Germany, describing the ties between Paris and Bonn as "a foundation for Europe's

After proclaiming that Europe owes its security and prosperity to Nato and the European Union, the Foreign Secretary will declare: The new Germany itself embodies a spirit of reconciliation." A united, democratic

Germany is not a threat to Europe," he will tell his audience at Zurich University.

After a week in which
German leaders have expressed plans to play a greater role in the Balkans, Mr Rifkind will comment: "I welcome Germany's growing contribution to shouldering the modern burden of international security - her prime role in Nato and the Western European Union, her military pres-

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ence implementing peace in

Bosnia, and her active world

diplomacy.



A US tank crewman guards a supply route checkpoint in Kuwait yesterday

More US troops for Kuwait as policy wavers

By TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON decided to send a further 3,500 American forces to Kuwait vesterday as the emirate launched a diplomatic offensive to gain support among Gulf and other Arab states for more possible American airstrikes on Iraq.

But in Washington the President failed to evade the most forceful Republican attacks yet on his wavering lraq

The Pentagon announced that more soldiers would go to Kuwait within days, after leading Republicans emerged from a meeting with Mr Clinton to offer damning indictments of his actions in the Gulf, which they said had done nothing but bolster President Saddam Hussein and split the allied coalition. -

"If you say you are going to respond disproportionately and you do not, there is a price to pay," said Senator John McCain, the leading foreign policy spokesman for the Dole campaign. "Saddam Hussein is far better off than he was two weeks ago. We judge success by results. The results are that Saddam is better off and we have basically done nothing except launch 44 cruise missiles ... I am not sure of the meaning of 3,500 troops; we had 260,000 in Desert Storm."

Mr Clinton, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and William Perry, the Defence Secretary, organised the meeting amid fierce criticism from Congress that the White House had not consulted Cap- the US build-up.

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ican and German heart spe-

The mounting speculation

over the President's health has

been complicated by confusion

over how long he will be

incapacitated and how Russia

will be run in his absence. It is

widely accepted that Viktor

Chernomyrdin, the Prime

Minister, will assume most of

the duties of the head of state.

But details still have to be

completed on the handover of

power, particularly the trans-

fer of the "red button" for

firing nuclear weapons.

Although President Yeltsin

has been praised for breaking

the Kremlin's traditional

shroud of secrecy around

medical matters, the move has

led to unprecedented public Interest. Opposition politi-

cians have wasted little time

exploiting the situation. Yes-

terday Viktor llyukhin, a

Communist Party legislator

who heads the parliamentary

security committee, said he

would press for a "state medi-

cal commission" to monitor

the health of senior leaders

and ensure no officials seized

the chance of a President's

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itol Hill properly. The Repub-licans urged Mr Clinton to rebuild the international coalition which expelled Saddam's troops from Kuwait in the Gulf War.

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Responding to the attacks, Mr Clinton said: "Our goal was to keep Saddam in a box and to defend his neighbours against attack. We have gotten the results that we sought."

Mr Perry and Robert Pelletreau, the Assistant Secretary of State, said they had found "support for more action" during the diplomatic mission to the Gulf, despite a rejection of help from Saudi

Mr Pelletreau was expected to meet Massoud Barzani, the leader of the Saddam-backed Kurdistan Democratic Party, in Turkey to mediate an end to the conflict in northern Iraq.

There is an air of general confusion in Washington, as political advisers attempt to find the best course of action to benefit Mr Clinton's November re-election hopes. Meanwhile, Kuwait's Infor-

mation Minister was dispatched to Egypt and Syria and its Defence Minister was on a tour of some of the five other states in the Saudi-led Gulf Co-operation Council. Sheikh Saud al-Sabah, the Information Minister, who met President Mubarak of Egypt first, said Kuwait still felt threatened by the Iraqi leader. Egypt and Syria, pillars of the 1991 coalition, have been less than supportive of

Strike may unseat governor

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL

THE governor of Russia's Far East province was fighting to stay in his job yesterday as more than 10,000 power work-

ers went on indefinite strike. The strike has not only brought darkness to factories and flats in Vladivostok, where more than two million people live. It is also the first showdown between Anatoli Chubais, the new liberal Kremlin chief of staff, and one of several provincial gover-nors who have turned into

petty monarchs. Yevgeni Nazdratenko, frequently the scourge of liberals. the Chinese Government and the Moscow media, admitted at a Moscow press conference yesterday that he may soon

have to resign. The governor is under altack from all sides. There are threats of more strikes and demands from workers' committees that the Government introduce direct presidential

rule for the region. Mr Nazdratenko has to report to the Kremlin within the next two days on what he has done to comply with the presidential decree ordering him to meet all debts to the local power industry.

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Yeltsin ordered to stay in hospital for tests

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW ing from some other health

problem, which would require

treatment before the bypass

operation. Pavel Voshchanov,

a former Kremlin spokesman,

has said that Mr Yeltsin was

suffering from kidney prob-

lems, cirrhosis of the liver, a

bad back, angina pectoris, a

chronic infection of the middle

DOCTORS conducting tests on President Yeltsin yesterday ordered the Kremlin leader to remain in hospital until the end of the week, prompting fears of fresh health problems. Kremlin doctors said that the ailing President would be kept for further tests at the elite Central Clinic. The examinations were described as a "routine pre-operation procedure" ahead of his planned multiple bypass operation set for this autumn.

"I do not see a big problem with the President's health," said Sergei Yastrzhembsky. the presidential spokesman, who joked that over-eager physicians were to blame for the lengthy stay in hospital. The doctors are delighted that they have finally got their hands on him in hospital as an

in-patient." However, there were indications that medical complications could be responsible for the extended stay in hospital. Earlier Sergei Mironov, the Kremlin's chief physician. said that the open-heart surgery, tentatively scheduled for the end of September, could now be delayed.

Experts believe that the Kremlin leader may be suffer-

ear and a sleeping disorder. A final decision on when to carry out the operation is expected only after a meeting

Lebed 'settles'

Chechen row

Moscow: General Alek-sandr Lebed said yesterday that he had resolved a potentially explosive stand-off between Chethen rebels and Russian forces (Richard Beeston writes). Speaking after meetings with Chechen rebel leaders and army commanders, the Kremlin's security chief said that he had overcome a week-long dispute over the release of prisoners and that the stalled Rus-

sian troop withdrawal from the breakaway repub-

lic would now resume.

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The centre-left Government

of Professor Romano Prodi.

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political and husiness life had

been sufficiently cleaned up

However, five more arrests,

including two magistrates.

were announced yesterday in

connection with the Necci

case. The tangentopoli inves-

tigations began in 1992; 2,000

politicians, officials and businessmen were charged, in-

cluding Silvio Berlusconi, the

former Prime Minister,

for a fresh start to be made.

Fresh arrests revive Italian bribe scandal

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME Spezia, in a cell which -

THE head of Italian state railways has been arrested in what is being seen as a dramatic re-emergence of the tangentopoli, or bribery, scandals which rocked the country four years ago.

Lorenzo Necci. 57. hitherto regarded as one of Italy's most promising top managers and a candidate for ministerial office, will be questioned today on a range of charges including embezzlement, fraud, corruption, false accounting and belonging to a "criminal organisation".

He was arrested at his country home near Rome at the weekend and is being held Does Your English Let You Down?

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Killer says Botha gave orders for terror bombing

A FORMER police assassin claimed in court yesterday that P.W. Botha, the former South African President, and several other senior ministers were involved in "dirty tricks" operations and admitted his own part in the bombing of the African National Congress's

London headquarters in 1982. Eugene de Kock — convict-ed last month on 89 charges.

including murder, attempted murder, fraud and gun-run-ning — told the Pretoria Supreme Court that in the late 1980s he was ordered by Brigadier Willem Schoon to blow up the Johannesburg headquarters of the antiapartheid Congress of South African Trade Unions. He was told by his boss that the order had been given by Mr Botha.
"I was amused, because we

are now talking about terrorism on home ground." he told the hushed courtroom. "I asked him who gave the orders. He told me it came from the highest authority. I asked if this included the President and he said 'yes'."

Now 30 and living at a seaside home after retiring in 1989, Mr Botha has refused to discuss "dirty tricks" allegations or to co-operate with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which is investigating apartheid crimes. The commission has the power to

subpoena him. De Kock admitted that he was part of a team that flew to London in 1981 to blow up the ANC headquarters and acknowledged the killing of sev-

bomb was planted behind the . quested to intimidate or elimi-ANC headquarters in Penton Street, Islington, and exploded on March 14, 1982, shortly before 9am, as market stallholders were beginning work. Shops, offices and pubs were damaged, but no one was seriously hurt

De Kock, who once headed an apartheid death squad, is providing details about his knowledge of the apartheid regime's "dirty tricks" against government opponents in the 1980s and early 1990s in the hope of a reduced sentence and an amnesty from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He has vowed privately that he would "not go down alone", and his counsel are clearly hoping that by implicating as many of his superiors as possible they can portray de Kock as one of

He also said General Basic

Smit gave written approval for arms and ammunition to be

supplied to the Inkatha Free-

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F.W. de Klerk, Mr Botha's

many buttons on a large shirt. The evidence by de Kock, the former commander of a counter-insurgency unit, could result in other trials. On Monday, he said Mr Botha must have known about about a 1985 attack he led into neighbouring Lesotho on sus-pected ANC members in which ten died, and spoke about how other killings were carried out on orders from

During testimony yesterday de Kock portrayed himself as a plumber who was called on by security chiefs and politi-cians to do their dirty work. He recalled numerous occasions when he was contacted Pretoria, by superiors from



The Dalai Lama shares a joke with Kim Beatley, the Labor opposition leader, at a meeting in Parliament House, Camberra, yesterday. John Howard, the Australian Prime Min-

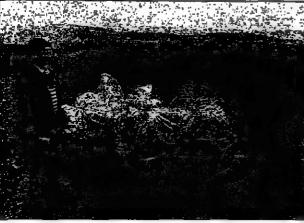
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spiritual leader during his two-week stay in the country, said he would do

trade retaliation. Mr Howard, who so next week if their programmes is visiting Indonesia, said he

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Members of the Muslim forensic team carry away

Srebrenica's dead complete their journey of despair

From Anthony Loyd in kravica, eastern bosnia

THE living in Bosnia may still find it difficult to move as they please, but the thousands of dead from Srebrenica are at last beginning to complete the journey to governmentheld territory they began over

Yesterday a small group of. Muslim forensic scientists and labourers from the Sarajevo-based Commission for Exchange and Missing, an organisation set up to facilitate repatriation for prisoners and the war dead, was allowed for the third day by the Bosnian Serbs to cross the lines and begin to remove the bodies of those killed as they fled from the abandoned United Nations "safe area" in July last year.

The rout turned into a massacre. About 15,000 Muslim men, most of them unarmed civilians, escaped from the fallen town across hills to the west. An estimated 3,500 succeeded; the rest are missing. Many surrendered to the Serbs and were murdered: most were hunted down and killed in the mountainous woodland.

Although war crimes investigators from The Hague exhumed and removed a few hundred bodies, the mass of bodies in the hills have lain undisturbed until now.

We have started work along the first (mile and a quarter) of their escape route," said the head of the commission. "and we have already found hundreds of bodies. It take us a month to complete the journey, by which time we estimate we will have collected over 10,000

dead. As the trail begins, the first few corpses become visible through the undergrowth. bleached skulls and scattered bones merging with the fo-liage. Some remain complete and are given the dignity of a body bag for their journey to a mortuary in Tuzia; many have been scattered

and mingled by forest anier, amorphous jumbles of bones in transparent bags.

A tiny skeleton lies at the foot of a tree in a stained white blouse, a plastic comb across its legs — "the body of a young girl" one of the men says. An elderly man detaches himself from the commission

workers and walks over. He was in this clearing in July last year as part of the second group of the escaping column, and has returned as an adviser. "This was where we rested during the day," he says. "There were hundreds of us in the group, but only a few soldiers. Just before 7pm the Serbs shelled the clearing. It as a scene from hell. Then Serb soldiers ambushed us from all around. Bodies were falling in rows around me. 1 had to crawl from beneath three dead men who fell upon me in the same second."

He begins to cry and is ashamed at his emotion and turns away. Once composed, he speaks again. "So you see these bones about me. These are my friends and neighbours. Among them somewhere is my brother." He bends down and picks up a faded ID card. "I knew this one well. He was 25 years old and his family and mine were old friends." He walks away, stooping beside the jumbled

bones in his quest. A single Serb, the commis sion representative from the opposite side, is present in the clearing. He says that all the dead are soldiers killed in action. There is a woman's skull, still with long blonde hair, near his feet, and a child's toy frog, yet he will not be moved from his opinion.

At last someone halts his monologue and asks: "If all these thousands died in battle, then where are the prisoners?" The Serb pauses then looks at the ground. "That is a good question," he says, and



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Perot threatens legal action on TV debate ban

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT last night threatened legal action to overturn a decision by a commission of Republicans and Democrats to bar him from this autumn's three presidential debates.

The ten-member commission based its unanimous ruling on the advice of an independent advisory committee, which said Mr Perot had no realistic chance of winning the White House. It said candidates should not be included simply because they were "interesting or entertainine"

Russell Verney, executive director of Mr Perot's new Reform Party, called the ruling a "travesty of justice", and said the Texas billionaire may seek an immediate restraining order to halt the debates while he challenges the ruling in

The Dole camp applauded the decision. It considers the debates to be Bob Dole's best chance of catching President Clinton despite the 73-year-old Republican's inferior speaking skills, and was determined he should have a clear run at the President. However, the

Clinton campaign expressed regret, because it believed strong Perot performances would have attracted mostly Dole supporters.

Mr Perot is presently stuck in single figures in the polls, but he won 19 per cent of the vote in 1992, has received \$29 million (£18.5 million) in federal funds to fight this year's campaign, and will be on the ballot in all 50 states.

On the face of it, the commission's ruling seemed a devastating blow both to his political credibility and to his hopes of achieving a dramatic late breakthrough. He re-ceived a considerable boost from his lively anti-establishment tirades in the 1992 de-bates, the last of which attracted an estimated 97 million viewers.

The Perot camp immediately sought to turn the ruling to his advantage by portraying it as a cosy plot by the Washington establishment to exclude a threatening outsider. A Gallup poil this week showed 60 per cent favoured Mr Perot's inclusion and 35 per cent opposed.

The advisory committee,

Korean War prisoners

Washington: Newly declassified documents show internal debate within the Eisenhower Administration over suspicions that communist forces held hundreds of American prisoners after the Korean War.

The documents released yesterday by the House National Security subcommittee on personnel include intelligence reports, classified policy statements and memoranda of conversations among top officials of the Government.

One document, dated December 22, 1953, recounts a conversation between President Eisenhower and Robert T. Stevens, the Army Secre-

accounted-for prisoners.

The President |said| he was not sure that if he had fully appreciated the situation he would have felt it wise to go into the forthcoming conerence," the memorandum says, an apparent reference to peace talks over ending the Korean War. "Perhaps we should have insisted on their return as a precondition to the

When Eisenhower asked Stevens what evidence the military had, Stevens reported that the Army had the names of "610 Army people that have just disappeared from the camps. The Air Force has over 300." (AP)

headed by Richard Neustadt. a Harvard professor, questioned pollsters, journalists and other political experts about Mr Perot's chances. It apparently concluded that, as in 1992, Mr Perot probably would not carry a single state. The debates' dates and formats have yet to be finalised, and the commission did not rule out Mr Perot's inclusion in the last one or two, if his position suddenly improved.

A daily ABC television poll

yesterday put Mr Dole just eight points behind Mr Clinton, with Mr Perot way behind with just 5 per cent support. That poll was almost certainly a rogue, although a separate Gallup poll also showed a slight narrowing of the gap to

Mr Dole yesterday ham-mered home his new emphasis on crime by visiting one of America's toughest jails - a "tent city" in the baking Arizona desert. Mr Clinton visits today the Grand Canyon. where he is expected to announce the creation of America's biggest national monument covering L8 million acres of pristine wilderness in southern Utah.

Such an announcement would thrill the powerful environmental lobby, but it would also prevent the exploitation of America's largest known coal reserves. Utah's senators and congressmen have been fighting a furious rearguard action to forestall it, but Utah is one of the few states Mr Clinton stands no chance of winning this November.

This will be a magnificent photo-opportunity with President Clinton standing in front of the most majestic scenery in the world to declare that he had protected Utah from plunders," complained Robert Bennett, one of Utah's two Republican senators. "It will help Clinton in the polls, in the West as well as elsewhere. But this is an outrageous way to make public policy."



Goldie Hawn, left, Diane Keaton and Bette Midler at the Los Angeles premiere of their film The First Wives Club, apparently without male consorts (Giles Whittell writes). The three play

Women who have it all

the cuthusiastically-reviewed film putting into practice the advice "Don't get mad. Get

formance, most American critics agree. Lisa Schwartzbaum, of Entertainment Weekly magazine, welcomed the film as proof that strong roles for women are

'Striptease' costs Japanese their shirts

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

respectively, proved the final

straw. Last weekend Sony

sacked Mark Canton, previ

ously one of the most powerful

men in Hollywood. The stu-

dios are being run temporarily

by Mr Canton's deputy, Lucy Fisher, but it is by no means

certain that she will stay. No

one in Hollywood envies her



Fisher: trying to calm irritable Japanese

THE future of film-making at (£8 million) and \$20 million the legendary Culver City lot in Los Angeles is in doubt after a culture clash between Hollywood's multimillion-dollar star system and the Japanese executives who run Sony, the Tokyo-based multinational which owns the Columbia TriStar studios.

Sony, horrified by Hollywood's extravagance, has dismissed the studio boss and is reviewing its continued involvement in films. Box office flops Striptease

the task of trying to keep the Japanese calm in their current state of irritation. Nobuyuki Idei, group president of Sony, spent last week and The Cable Guy, starring in New York to supervise the Demi Moore and Jim Carrey, handling of the crisis which who were paid \$12.5 million has engulfed his company's disastrous Hollywood experiment. According to one New York source, he was "not paying much attention to the Americans who were trying to give him advice".

Tinseltown has taught Sony an expensive lesson. Sony paid \$5 billion in late 1989 when buying into Columbia. In 1994 it announced a \$2.7 billion write-off, but the losses have not stopped. To add to that, Mr Canton made some howling mistakes. One of them was to miss out on the hit of this summer. Independence Day. which he had an early opportunity to buy.

Historic find has film buffs reeling

FROM GILES WHITTELL

FOUR ancient reels of celluloid, thought to be the oldest complete feature film in America, have been given to a delighted American Film Institute by William Buffman. 77, of Oregon.

The 55-minute silent version of Shakespeare's Richard III. made in 1912 by James Keane. is in nearly perfect condition despite being viewed countless times, backwards as well as forwards, by Mr Buffman and his wife. Considered to be the second feature made in America. Richard III was filmed in New York's suburbs for just \$30,000 (£19,000). It includes among its actors Frederick Warde, the popular Broadway Shakespearean, clearly bemused by film techniques.

The film's rediscovery is "like finding a Rembrandt you didn't know existed", Jean Firstenberg of the institute told The New York Times yesterday. The oldest film in the institute's vaults, a version of Oliver Twist released five months before Richard III, has one reel missing. Film historians were aware of Keane's production, lavish by the standards of the day, with a cast of hundreds filling the background in scenes depicting the Battle of Bosworth, but they had long ago given up hope that a complete print might have survived.

Then, last February the institute's Los Angeles branch received a phone call from Mr Buffman, a former US Army projectionist and amateur film collector, offering to donate Richard III and a 1919 drama called When Bearcat Went Dry. "I had no idea this was any different from any other old film," Mr Buffman said after receiving detailed packaging instructions. "We have seen the film so many times that my wife liked going backwards rather than for-

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wards," he added. A fully restored version of the film, complete with a specially written score, will have its premiere in Los Angeles next month.



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Grip on drugs trade would give left-wing guerrillas greater firepower in war to topple Samper

Rebel fighters rule in Colombia's cocaine badlands

From Gabriella Gamini in mocoa, district of putumayo, southern colomb

FRESHLY sprayed graffiti depicting the hammer and sickle covered the walls round the central square of the small agricultural town of Mocoa. on the edge of Colombia's southern Amazon region. Its narrow streets were desolate, and people peered fearfully from behind their bolted doors

and windows. The bullet-riddled body of a young soldier lay abandoned on a seat, with a handwritten message pinned to his uniform saying: "The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia are back. We will fight to the end to topple the corrupt Government of President Samper." The electricity supply to the town of 20,000 inhabitants was cut days ago after rebels blew up the power plant in a grenade attack and the modern concrete offices

that belong to the local gover-

nor were now empty.
With the unpaved airstrip on the outskirts of town under fire constantly, the only access to Mocoa was by bus, across a checkpoint manned by armed guerrillas in battle fatigues. It seemed like a scene from

the Sixities and Seventies, when left-wing guerrilla groups across Latin America lought military regimes and took the armed struggle into rural areas. This time the conflict stems from two leftwing guerrilla groups who renewed their offensive against President Samper a month ago.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the National Liberation Army (ELN) appear to have regrouped their estimated 15,000 armed fighters and

They took over army bases in the southern district of Putumayo - of which Mocoa is the capital - Guaviare and Caquetá, killing more than 120 soldiers and 20 civilians. In the attack on the base in Putumayo, some 400 rebels invaded with machineguns, grenades and mortars. Sixty soldiers captured from the army base at Las Delicias in Caquetà are still being held as

hostages by the rebels. The guerrillas have taken control of vast areas and forced our security forces to take defensive action. Our forces were unprepared for this," Alfredo Rangel, a gov-ernment spokesman, has admitted.

in the past week FARC and ELN rebels were reported to



Rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces on the march. Their offensive has surprised the Government

in almost total control of most of the remote Amazonian lowland areas which make up southern Colombia, and were also launching attacks on central highland areas close to the country's main cities.

The military says the guer-

destroy coca-leaf crops, used in the manufacture of cocaine, in the south. FARC makes money by providing armed protection to plantations and has in some areas moved into

rillas are acting in response to

recent government efforts to

arranging drug shipments. Attempts to eradicate coca fields have led in past weeks to violent protests by the coca most cases the guerrillas backed, and probably orches-

The Defence Minister, Juan Carlos Esguerra, says that the recent revival of the guerrilla campaign is particularly wormoved into cocaine-producing jungle areas and will have

take control of the drug trade. They can fund a more vicious campaign and buy more sophisticated weapons with the nelp of cocaine money." he

In towns like Mocoa, where most of the population once worked in oilfields - now exhausted - and then turned to planting coca, the guerrillas are gathering support.

The FARC is defending our cause. We have also been neglected by the Government up in the highlands," said one of the few inhabitants of the town who ventured out of his

advantage of the waning credibility of President Samper's Government, left weak by a spate of allegations that his campaign received funding from the notorious Cali cocaine cartel. Last week Vice-President Humberto de la Government is tainted with eocaine money."

Leading the renewed rebel offensive is a plump mustachiced figure called Jorge Briceno, 40, always pictured wearing battle fatigues and a blue beret. Although trained by veteran FARC rebels, he is Marxist beliefs and says that the guerrillas' main aim is to bring down the Government.

Butcher to die for massacre of Sikhs

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

A BUTCHER who massacred Sikhs with a meat cleaver in three days of rioting in 1984 has been sentenced to death, one of a small number of people belatedly brought to trial for one of the worst atrocities in modern Indian

The anti-Sikh riots came after the murder of Indira Gandhi, then Prime Minister, by her Sikh bodyguards. The Gandhi family has consistently resisted a full investigation. Congress Party politicians egged on the rioters, at times taking to the streets and demanding more deaths. Thousands of Hindu policemen stood by and some of

them took part. Accounts of how many Sikhs died in Deihi and elsewhere in northern India vary widely. Khushwant Singh said in A History of the Sikhs that the figure of 10,000, with more than half the victims in the capital, "would not be an exaggeration". After the riots more than 50,000 Sikhs were lodged in refugee camps in Delhi. Between 20,000 and 30,000 families fled their homes and moved to Punjab.

The first convictions are small comfort for the hundreds of widows who live in bleak government flats in the Tilak Vihar district of Delhi. known unofficially as Wid-ows' Colony. All the women filed affidavits years ago detailing the circumstances of their husbands' deaths, but the files simply gathered dust. The names of the ringleaders are common knowledge. Few have been interviewed by the police, let alone arrested.

The recent trials have heard vivid descriptions of the three days of butchery, looting and rape. Witnesses described how the killers took meal breaks in between the slaughter. Men with weapons stood at the exit points of Sikh areas to ensure that nobody escaped while mobs bludgeoned, burnt or knifed to death anybody with a turban, usual ly in front of their wives and children. The police somenmes turned up to ensure that the killings were going well.

Witnesses described how drains were blocked by bits of bodies and piles of long hair cut from the Sikhs. A journalist saw a three-year-old girl who had crawled from under the bodies of her father and three brothers and was stumbling over other corpses in her one-room home, screaming: "Take me away."

W OPEN

Syria troop movements unnerve US

Jerusalem: Intense American diplomatic efforts were under way yesterday to reduce tension between Israel and Syria prompted by massive Syrian troop movements inside Lebanon (Christopher Walker writes). The Israeli Army has been put on a state of alert.

Last night, Israeli sources said that the United States was especially anxious to restore calm, out of concern that such tension could dramatically destabilise the situation in the Middle East when its latest been resolved.

Spain accused of 'Mengele' tests

Madrid: The Spanish De-fence Ministry has declined to comment on a report that intelligence agents kidnapped vagrants in order to test drugs for use in the abduction of Basque separatists. El Mundo claimed that agents called the experiments Operation Menle in reference to Josef gele in reference and Mengele, the Nazi death-camp doctor. (Reuter)

Mother Teresa stable after fall

Calcutta: Mother Teresa was alert, cheerful and in a stable condition yesterday as she recovered from a fall the previous day, doctors said. They added that a brain scan had shown no cause for alarm. The Roman Catholic nun, 86, who won the Nobel Peace Prize, will be kept under observation. (Reuter)

Public execution in the Comoros

Moroni: A man convicted of murdering a pregnant woman was publicly executed by an army firing squad in the Comoro islands in the Indian Ocean. Ali Youssouf, 25, was given a bottle of soft drink at his request before being tied to a post at the port in the capital, Moroni. (Reuter)

Ethiopia puts its fleet up for sale

Addis Ababa: Left without a coast after Eritrea won independence in 1993, Ethiopia is selling off its 16-vessel naval fleet. Eritrea is likely to win the bidding, but Djibouti, where the lo vessels are at anchor, is among those to have made an offer. (AP)

Tormentor maimed as crocodile finally snaps

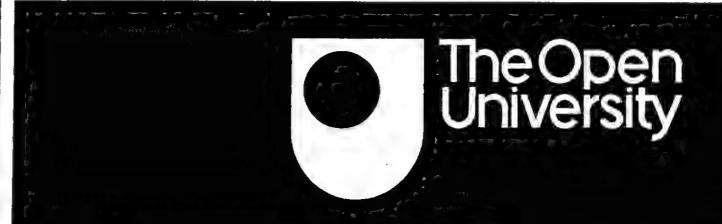
FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

A GIANT crocodile that had been regularly jabbed by a keeper to make it snap its jaws and lash its tail for tourists finally bit off the arm of its termenter. Now, the owners of the reptile park in Harare face prosecution for crucity to animals.

Witnesses at Harare Snake

pit and was jabbing it in the stomach with a stick when it Merryl Harrison, manager

of Zimbabwe's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said she would prosecute the park's owners for cruelty, and was considering seeking an injunction to pre-



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The mistress of understatement

lain R. Webb on Donna Karan's menswear line, Stretch & Sensibility, at her New Bond Street store



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ABOVE RIGHT: Brown valour single-breasted jacket, 2695; rust cashmere turtieneck sweater, £550; Donna Karan, Carnel wool mix coat (on chair), £950, Donna Karan Signature

Donna Karan Collection and Signature lines available from Donna Karan Collection, 19 New Bond Street, W1 Telephone Inquirles (from tomorrow): 0171-495 3100



getting dressed, New York designer Donna Karan advises men not to follow fashion trends. "Always keep it simple," she says. "A black suit can be a tux or it can look casual. It is better to

spend more on one good suit British men finally to enjoy and buy less other things." Karan's mainline menswear When Karan's first maincollection on this side of the line collection store in the

world opens in London tomorrow in booming New Bond huge selection of good suits on Street, it will not only stock her the rails. There will also be women's wear line but also plenty of great shirts, trousers, provide the opportunity for sports jackets and sweaters and although Karan may advocate a spartan, unclustered lifestyle she certainly makes up for it with sheer unadulterated luxury. All the knitwear in Karan's mainline mens-

wear collection is cashmere. The store will also offer the less pricey Donna Karan Signature, a range of mainstay per cent less than the main-line. Signature was developed for the man who doesn't want to make a fashion statement but still wants stylish clothes. Although for the most part her clothes do carry expensive price tags, the Donna Karan look is never flashy. "When you see a well-dressed man you see the man, not the clothes," she says. Her latest advertisements feature

Willis alongside his wife, the

actress Demi Moore. Willis looks suitably blasé as he fastens a rumpled white shirt or hangs loose in a black

> "He has got sensuality and yet he is very male, very masculine," Karan says. However, it is Karan's husband, Stephen Weiss, who acts as her muse. "He looks best in a black cashmere sweater and black pants," she says.

sweater and camel cost.

Understatement is Karan's mantra. Subtle (yet sumptufabrication lamb suede and double-faced cashmere all feature in the new collection), a moody colwarm reds mix with black. brown, navy, grey and creamy whites) and the traditional cut are her trademark. The designer never threatens, the image never scares. What Karan calls "stretching the limits of classicism".

With a nod to the Jane Austen fever sweeping Holly-wood. Karan called her winter

"Stretch now plays a big part in modern menswear. It makes clothes more friendly. A suit jacket can be worn 24 hours of the day. My jackets now feel like sweaters but casual doesn't mean sloppy."

she says.

Karan is already well established in the capital with her giant DKNY store just down the street from the new site. The store, which opened two years ago, sells a sportier, hip, street-smart look — all base-

logos. "DKNY is only half of me and Collection [the main line] is the other half." So why choose New Bond Street?

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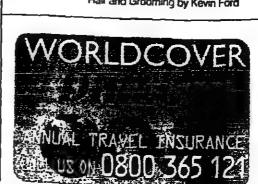
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The last time I wrote about sex and celiba-cy, my words were later — and gratifyingly in

one sense — blown up on posters as part of an adver-tising campaign for the newspaper for which I then

wrote and pasted all over the

Underground 1 mention

this not to draw attention to

myself, but rather to draw

attention to the danger of

writing about the subject,

namely that it is hard to

escape being inexpressibly

vulgar. To sound off at all is

to risk at best indelicacy and

Such sensitivity about

even broaching this culture

of carnality is, I admit,

telling. The conclusion I

draw is that we are still

embarrassed about sex. The

dawning of the age of Aquar-

ius and the supposed loosen-

ing of inhibitions, unravell-

ing of taboos and radical

change in sexual mores do not alter anything: it's still a

Openness changes noth-

ing: if anything, it makes

things worse. Certainly, on the evidence of the latest reaction to the missing

Roman Catholic bishop and

the simultaneous disappear-

ance of his female parishio-

ner, it would be hard to

detect any maturity in our

discussion of sex and celiba-

Catholic Church are in some

senses a matter apart: cer-

tainly to most people they

and it are irrelevant. But for

all that, the enforced celibacy

of Catholic clergy is not

entirely beside the point.

Although initially required

by the Church as a way of

safeguarding property, it is

also the case that celibacy is

equated with purity and

cleanliness and next-to-God-

liness. Therein lies much of

the sexiness of the Catholic

Church: it believes in sin, in

the corruption of the ways of

the flesh - and doesn't that

Those of us who have no

business opining about the

strictures of this or any other

Church are still, culturally,

influenced by this ethos. And

that's what we seem to want.

After all, the logical exten-

sion of the permissive society

make it all more exciting?

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The confessions of a bit of a lad

David Baddiel believes people won't be offended by his first novel. Interview by Mary Riddell

he net curtain picture Baddiel. Prominently displayed on the cover of the proof copy of his new novel, the illustration had been printed in a smaller form on the final version. Mr Buddiel scrutinised the

result with the dismay of someone whose expensive sweater has shrunk to tea-cosy dimensions in the boil-wash. "If the cover is not quite what you want it's a problem. People will think: 'Oh, David Baddiel hasn't got a very good cover on his book. Do you know what I mean?"

Up to a point. The presentation of his first novel, Time For Bed, seems unlikely to offend the most ardent aesthete. Its contents are less anodyne: pornographic videos, masturhation, anal sex. Behind the imperfect net curtains lurks the predictable repertoire of post-laddish culture.

"I've always had a confessional streak in me and I've never had a problem with talking very openly about sex," he says. "I have a kind of gap in my soul where I don't worry about what I should say."

it would be unfair to suggest that Mr Baddiel's book is in the same genre as A.A.Gill's sexually-charged Sap Rising. subject of the greatest critical putsch in the chronicles of contemporary fiction. On the other hand, while Mr Gill is scarcely an icon of youth, Mr Baddiel - co-presenter with Frank Skinner of television's Fantasy Football and author of Three Lions On A Shirt - is a universal hero to those who have recently outgrown Santa Claus and not yet acquired a

taste for Oasis.. He is, like most comedians. more angst-ridden than he would care to appear. The look is casual but there is something in his manner - a pout of cherubic lips when the phone rings, a peremptory way with his publicist which suggest that working

with him is a fraught business. Yes, I am quite difficult. I don't like pering people off but if I think that something should be done in a certain way, I am insistent." His previous partnership, with Rob Newman in The Mary Whitehouse Experience and later in their own show, fell



David Baddiel: "I have a gap in my soul where I don't worry about what I should say."

apart because they grew to loathe each other. His double act with Frank Skinner, who lives in Mr Baddiel's Hampstead flat, has proved more enduring, al-

though for now their television armership is at an end. "Me and Frank are very close friends. We had big rows during Fantasy Football but there's been less of the major

tantrum stuff." From the beginning, he was attuned to a life of dissent. His father, who used to be a Unilever scientist and now sells Dinky cars in a London antiques market, was "very left-wing" and Baddiel adopt-

ed his views. At Cambridge, where he achieved a double first in English, he combined radical politics with the Nick Hornbyinspired blokeish Zeitgeist in which soccer and intellectualism were first deemed compatible. "I was part of various Marxist groups but I always used to be interested in football as well," he says. "I had a few mates in the football team and I was really looked down

on by people on the Left." Hence, perhaps, his current scorn for politics and politicians. "I've never voted, ever. The people I knew at Cambridge who became politicians were all second-rate minds."

Similarly, he avoided comedy centred on political correctness and Tory-bashing -"too Stoke Newington". Only football, such a lucrative vein for new lads and emergent comics, remained a passion. A Chelsea supporter, Baddiel is sanguine about the occasional anti-Jewish chants at Stamford Bridge. "Yiddo", he thinks, may safely be inter-

preted as an amicable greeting from well-disposed fans. There is much in his novel which is less easy to explain away. In part autobiographi-

cal and in part very funny, its overload of sex reflects the drearier side of blokeishness. Baddiel (naturally) does not think he has overstepped the borders of humour and good taste. The problem with laddishness is when it becomes self-conscious. Frank and I happened to arrive at a time when males were a bit

ashamed of being male. We've

never tried to exaggerate our

maleness or to be graphically

ugly about sex to prove how

masculine we are." n the contrary, he is proud of his juvenle following, believing that children are the first barometer of good comedy. His producer at Fantasy Football is, he says, currently reading the novel as a bedtime story to his sons, aged 14 and 12. "I'm not sure it's suitable for kids of that age but I honestly don't

think it's gratuitous either." Whatever your view, it is safe to say that Baddiel's life diverges from that of his fictional hero. He has a longterm relationship with Sarah. a TV producer, who is 22 and ten years his junior. "I can't tell you her surname. Sorry." he says coyly. But you've written it in the frontispiece of the book. "Oh yes. So I did."

name of she who shares the Baddiel toaster is how she coexists with Frank.

"She didn't want to come straight down from college and move in with me anyway. So I didn't have to think: 'Right. OK. I have to stop living with Frank and move my girlfriend in.' At some point we will have to decide whether we want to live together. But I'm the sort of person who naturally defers those decisions.

'Quite soon I'll have to decide about kids, though. That's a bit of a problem, you see. I don't want to have kids when I'm 45 and be a really old dad. But she's much younger and she doesn't want to have kids now.

So Frank remains for the time being, although David Baddiel's career has moved on. There may, he says, be a brief revival of Fantasy Football but he is also on the second draft of a Hollywood film he is writing for Disney. in which the hero and heroine contract to marry each other after a string of affairs.

"I've often thought that I want to be in a relationship but to sleep with someone else." And how does he resolve the problem? "Oh. I'm monogamous in real life. But I like the idea of having the experiences you want and the security you need. A sort of fantasy situation."

● Time For Bed by David Baddiel is published by Little Brown on September 23, £14.99 But more relevant than the

How sex and celibacy lead to obsession

Society is still sniggering and repressed, despite the openness

so the generation or so before mine zealously promised, would usher in a free society, uninhibited, unembarrassed and honest about sex. No more sniggering, no more smirking: we were going to be grown up at last. But it hasn't

happened. Rather, the snig-gering has be-come endemic. If losing inhibitions means nothing more than a disrespect for privacy and a grotesque fascination with "bonking" then we have lost more than inhibitions.

The truth, of course, is that we haven't lost these inhibi-

tions: we just feel we should act as if we have, and that is bound to create a confused society. We are bombarded with more and more openly sexual images — ice-cream, that essentially infantile foodstuff, is now purveyed as a post-coital pleasure and yet we are becoming, at the same time, belligerently puritanical. What else explains the growth of the sexual harassment claim? No one now seems to be able to see when sexual behavlour is appropriate. On the one hand, we're told it al-

ways is, on the other never. And really, the doing away with the old sexual taboos has simply seen the emergence of a new sexual taboo. Everyone is anxious

should be that none of this is to show that they're at it all even a subject. Openness, or the time. In an age when every celebrity rushes to show that they have problems with drugs, problems with drink, difficulties with love and marriage, with weight and with self-esteem. no one wants to own up to difficulties with sex. Sexual confidence has

> taken the place of honour no one wants to be seen to be without it. But if sex has to turn into performance art, no wonder there are movements — emanating, wouldn't know, from

California - towards celibacy. The cynical Nigella Lawson might pinpoint this great crusade as just an

instance of making a virtue out of a necessity, but however you look at lt, it is surely symptomatic of this age of extremes. Sex has to be either everything or nothing.

What's more, it all has to be done in the open. People brag about having sex, and brag about abstaining from it. But on the whole, no one is really convinced about the glories of abstinence. But if it is on the increase, one of the reasons is that sex gets ever more complicated. It's not just Aids, but that no one now knows what the rules are. No one knows, or can own up to, what messages they want to give. To be thought of as sexy is both an honour and an insult.

Take clothes: the tartier

the wardrobe, the more the wearer insists that the intention is not to give sexual messages and the more offended she is that such a thing could even be con-strued. These days it is considered fine to wear a see-through shirt in public or a dress that shows your knickers but quite beyond the pale to give a wolf-whistle. I'm not saying that wearing a mini-skirt is tantamount to asking to be raped (I make this protestation wearily because I am prepared for the inevitable angry attack) but I do say that a degree of honesty would be welcome. But this confusion about sexual messages is indistinct from the confusion about sex itself.

n the Sixties and Seventies, everyone thought they had invented sex and, because of that, had to be doing it and be seen to be doing it all the time. (And it's the ones who came of age then who are now sliding. somehow, into a strangely celebrated celibacy.) In the Eighties, we were luckier; we had nothing to prove to society and so we could get on with our private lives in private. Now, in the Nineties, sex has become an issue again. On the one hand there's Aids, on the other the anxious sense that every action is open to scrutiny. Added to which, a generation of women has been told that to be sexually provocative is to be strong, but to be sexually active is to be weak, to be potentially a victim. The argument doesn't tally - that's just the problem.

But there is so much pressure on people to be rapaciously sexual now, that those who are beginning their adult life are frightened off before they start. A 21year-old told me that a defensive and not entirely desired celibacy was the norm for most of her student friends. Social life is lived through endless drinks and clubbing with the girls. Quite frankly, the supersaturation of sex that swamps society appears to have led to as much repression as the buttoned-upness that constrained it earlier.

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 Maggie Brown. on television's obsession with the supernatural

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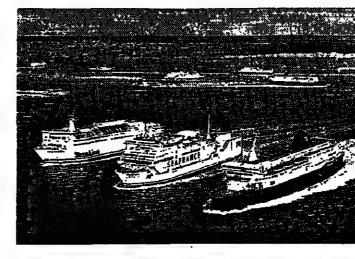
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A fiter my recent sour lucubrations anent sly insurance companies, I am truly delighted, this morning, to put on record my indebtedness to Legal & General. Without them, I should have had no idea of my family's indebtedness to me. My family owes me £2.104 for last week alone.

I have been able to arrive at this precise figure thanks to the precise figures totted up in L & G's recent report, Value of a Mum, in which the unpaid work done by housewomen — childminding, cleaning, shopping, cooking, and so on - was valued at £313 per week. Peanuts. For, when I laid L&G's pecuniary template over my own domestic services. I discovered myself to be worth very nearly seven women. Let us, therefore, open the even more recent report, Value of a Dad.

Last Monday, a cadet member of the family, on a flying visit to mix itself a gin and tonic, shut the outer freezer door without shutting the inner flap over the icecompartment. This caused it to snap off. When I rang Bosch, Bosch said it would come from Hayes and fix it, for £83.99. The £3.99 was for the flap. Flap-fixers were £80 an hour. I left for Hayes. Hayes is not easy to find. It takes E160 to find Hayes. After you have found Hayes, it takes another £80 to find Bosch and give them £3.99 for a flap which you have to take back to Cricklewood in order to find out that it is for a different model, and will have to be replaced at Hayes, which, fortunately, is now only £80 away because you are getting used to finding it. By Monday night, the flap was back on, for only £483.99. Monday night, however, was not yet over, because Monday night was when we wanted to watch a film I had taped the night before, but when I set the VCR in motion, the VCR made a funny little rattle, so we went to bed.

Up betimes on Tuesday to ring Granada TV's service department, to learn that they could not come out before Wednesday, but since I am a dab hand at funny little rattles only last week, rather than throw away £40 per hour of a trained motor-mechanic's time to sort out my wife's exhaust-pipe, I crawled under her car to secure it with piano wire in hardly more than £100, so that it could fall off the next day and enable her to enjoy the diverting badinage of a trained motormechanic who swore he thought a low-flying Tornado was driving into his garage soon set about dismantling the VCR myself, at about £200, to find out why it was rattling. We were thus able to watch the film on Friday, because that was the earliest Granada could come out, after I rang them

on Wednesday. I don't know how I found time to ring them on Wednesday, mind, given the fact that the lower had to have its annual strip-down and clean for the winter, for which you could be charged £50 by a professional taking an hour to do it, say £300 by an amateur, to include £75 combing the shrubbery for one of those titchy carburettor springs that fly out as soon as you even look at them and cost £100.69 from Qualcast dealers an hour's drive from Cricklewood. But Thursday was a lot better, Thursday went very smoothly, I could have sent in a bill for £650 on Thursday night, you would not believe what a plumber would charge just for clearing out a garage to find his rods so that he could ream a drain which would turn out to be not responsible for causing blockage to a wastedisposal which, even when removed with a King Dick wrench expressly bought for the purpose from a distant builder's merchant which shuts for lunch, refused either to give up his secrets or go back on again without eaking through the rubber sealing-ring which, for some unfathomable reason, is designed to shred if inadvertently over-

rightened with a King Dick wrench. I'd rather not tell you about Friday, which would of course be pay-day if anybody was paying anything, except to say that, according to Value of a Dad, my notional brown envelope deserved to contain a further £370: you know what a glazier would charge to repair a garage window that has had a plumber's rod through it, especially when the first pane of glass he brings back from the cutter turns out to be 4mm wider than the frame, and the second one 4mm longer. I tell you, a man's work is never done. Never paid



Devil take the rejects

about class. All books about the curriculum are about the good old days. Just below the surface, we yearn for the status and certainty of the past. We can wax radical about industry, pollution or the fate of the Kurds. We can tear down and rebuild communities. But around our offspring we build forts, ramparts and drawbridges, to keep out the harlot Progress and the forces of social decline and moral decay. For our children we want it like it was for us. We want a better yesterday.

This week three more books are added to the groaning shelf. All respond to 15 years of anarchy in state education with depressing diagnoses and reactionary prescriptions. It is clear that progress in British education is dead, damned and gone to hell. Tom Brown is back at school and Smike is in the gutter with his ilk. Arnold of Rugby rules the roost

George Walden's We Should Know Better proposes to solve the "education crisis" with a return to selective secondary schools under the guise of reopening the direct grant list. He wants private schools to take government money to admit bright pupils from the state sector. He says that this would unite popular independent schools with revived grammar schools. Walden is avowedly elitist. He wants to break down barriers between the upper and lower middle classes so as to broaden their social outlook and make them "less open to commercial and political manipulation". Walden calls his schools Open Schools, though open is the one thing they are not. He is unconcerned with

what all this means for lesser mortals. The Conservative peer Robert Skidelsky has no time for Walden's social engineering. In a tract for Politeia, he declares himself fed up with the dirigisme of Tory education policy. He sees in the ceaseless reforms of curriculum and structure a panicky tossing of bon-bons to a few floating voters. To him, education is a consumer service supplied by the State on a take-it-orleave-it basis. He would make parent power effective by reviving the voucher proposal of the early 1980s. His vouchers would be "weighted" towards lower income parents (though not lower ability children). The result would be Walden by a different route: better secondary

schools for eleverer children, topped up

with private money. At least Skidelsky's

Schools need to cater for all - which

means they must remain comprehensive

sink schools would be rich, albeit at a huge price to the Treasury.

Melanie Phillips, in All Must Have

Prizes, shows some concern for the rejects. She comes at the problem from a different angle. Her Britain is in the grip of a Black Death of corruption and immorality (a common belief among those with teenage children). She puts this down to a lethal cocktail of Thatcherite materialism and progressive education. Maths and grammar are disappearing down the plughole along with family cohesion and childhood innocence. The Tory obsession with the values of the balance sheet has joined

forces with the cultural relativism of the Left to blocks of the culture," she writes. Liberalism has no answer. We must go back "to rediscover our common humanity" in the old

authoritarianism. What these books show is that while we know what armies and hospitals are for.

we do not know what schools are for. When Kenneth Baker introduced his great reform Act ten years ago, he pretended to offer parents what they wanted, schools what they wanted and industry what it wanted. The result was a mess. Parents would choose schools (open enrolment), but schools would also choose parents (selection). The Government cited manpower planning and business needs as guides to the curriculum, yet it imposed a national curriculum skewed to traditional grammar subjects. It wanted diverse types of school but offered academic league tables that mocked diversity.

Then this year John Major said he was against "a return to 11-plus sclection", yet wanted "a grammar school in every town". Nothing added up. Not since Balaclava has a profession been given a more confused set of battle orders. Small wonder teachers spend half their time up the wrong valley, enduring withering fire from their critics. English secondary schools were tradi-

tionally divided into three categories,

for the working, middle and upper-

middle classes. The most determined attempt to bridge the gap was academic selection for some (very few) workingclass children to grammar schools under the 1944 Act. This bred such resentment among the rejected in the secondary moderns that the system collapsed in the 1960s. The subsequent reorganisation of secondary schools into local comprehensives was the one

We need to remember yet again that this reorganisation was popular — so much so that Margaret Thatcher, as

effort ever made to break down this class

system, at least within the state-financed

Education Secretary, never thought to turn today, over most of the country outside big cities and certainly outside London, the comprehensive structure has proved robust. Despite vastly increased disposable income, the number of

parents opting for private education (compared, for instance, to opting for private health or private pensions) has risen only from 5 per cent to 7 per cent since 1965. School referendums on selection have shown - and Skidelsky accepts - that there is no great call for a return to the 11-plus segregation of the 1944 Act. It is a mystery why Walden should want to revive the tensions, jealousies and deteriorating standards in the reject schools to benefit pupils who even today are doing well.

kidelsky is a free-marketeer, a breed of knight errant now increasingly short of worthwhile jousts. At least he is clear in treating education as a consumer good which should merely respond to parental demand. But he does not explain why the State need subsidise this form of consumption, for the answer must surely determine the allocation of subsidy. He implies that it is the nation's need for a well-trained workforce. But on that basis. 20 years of relatively progressive curriculums in British and

American comprehensive schools would

be judged a success -- for all the present effort to denigrate them.

None of these books hazards a clear

objective for the education service. They wander between national competitiveness, a pupil's ability to perform internal tests, and vague assertions of "what parents want". American comprehensive secondary education sets great store by seeking community cohesion through local schools. It sees external benefits in children being together for as long as makes educational sense in a common institution close to family and neighbourhood. No British educationist seems to care about this. American comprehensives have been sneered at By British traditionalists, but they have done no harm to American society, the family or the economy. For all the proclaimed failings of America's progressive teaching, its labour force re-

mains vital and adaptable. British comprehensives were sabonot by their non-selective transfer at 11 but by a coincidental collapse of professional discipline on the part of teachers. This was a historic tragedy. Discipline is now being restored, hamfistedly, by central government diktat. But to use this as justification for a return to a divisive secondary system, as advocated by Walden and Skidelsky, would be absurd. It would be the educational equivalent of

returning to the gold standard. The test of an education service must be an ability to add value to what parents can do on their own: to help to produce economically active and honest citizens, able to lead stimulating and fulfilled lives in a community. If the service, and its critics, cannot test performance against these objectives, that is sad. But we cannot regard "key stage three" or GCSE or A-level passes as proxies. Such tests measure little more than a facility for passing them. Some teachers may claim they predict a facility in the "exam of life". If so they should find some means to prove it.

The evidence of these books is that British state secondary schools have given up on innovation, research or experiment and are in professional retreat. Over the past two decades, university entry has soared and the Government declares that British economic performance is supreme in Europe. Yet the schools that fuel this great engine have lost all confidence. Small wonder that parents too are in retreat and Smike is quaking in his gutter.

Slow to chide their ex-bishop

Scots are sorry for

Roddy Wright, says Magnus Linklater

Roderick Wright, Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, was the kind of priest any church would be proud of - as a spiritual guide, a source of energy, and a human being. He was unstuffy, charming, excellent company. Yesterday he was remembered by his congregation at St Columba's in Oban as a good listener and a splendid communicator, whose sermons were rich in wisdom and good sense. That he has been undone by the very warmth and gregariousness which were among his most attractive qualities has evoked sympathy rather than condemnation. "He was a good man," was one typical comment. "but he was

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human like the rest of us . . . " Like the rest of us . . , there's the rub. The very point of celibacy is that it should place a priest at one remove from his flock, enabling him to concentrate on the work of God, free of the distractions to which the rest of us are prone. Thus he can be a rock of support to those in need of help, while remaining aloof from emotional entanglements. "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more," wrote St Paul to the Corinthians. For some 900 years or more (most people date the strict rules on single priests to the (1th century) the Roman Catholic Church has placed celibacy on a high moral pedestal for

precisely these reasons. That is the theory, and that, despite the stumbling of Bishop Wright, will remain, for the time being at least. the Vatican's firm rule. Not the least of its reasons will be financial: the notion of the single priest goes hand in hand with a frugality which would appal even the underpaid vicars of the Anglican Church, if Rome were to change its stance and allow its clergy to marry, the financial burden of supporting wives and families might drive it to

But the virtues of celibacy are under assault in this age of carnal knowledge. The bishop is only the latest in a long list of the fragile and susceptible within the Catholic Church who have found the temptations of the flesh hard to resist, and equally hard to ignore. Bombarded from every side with what Cardinal Basil Hume calls society's "endless obsession" with sex. the vulnerable priest can begin to feel that it is he rather than the libertine who is the freak. As Cardinal Hume points out, the false expectations of what is required for human happiness, and the loneliness to which so many single priests are exposed only widens the gulf between them and the outside world.

Just as tempting perhaps for the middle-aged priest is the lure of a comforting relationship. In the same speech, last weekend. Cardinal Hume paid tribute to "the health of the family" and added: "The nurturing of children is the most primitive and profound human endeavour." It is not surprising that so many servants of his Church who embark on a celibate priesthood with the best of intentions find themselves unable to resist the companionship. There is also the the excitement of a forbidden liaison. Straw polls in Argyli yesterday suggested a remarkable absence of condemnation of Bishop Wright's behaviour. That may perhaps stem from a longstanding Scottish tradition of tolerance which goes back to the 13th-century Enlightenment and beyond, and which contrasts strongly with the grim image most people have of a straitlaced and bigoted Kirk. It may also, however, reflect an instinctive understanding of human frailty.

But it would be wrong to conclude that one bishop's fall from grace will undermine the Church's stance on celibacy Cardinal Thomas Winning, head of the Catholic Church in Scotland and some times spoken of as a future candidate for the papacy, is a staunch traditionalist. unbending on birth control, celibacy and divorce. He has already made it clear that, sympathetic as he is towards Bishop Roddy", there will be no compromise on principle. "If we don't set high ideals and standards, then we are not much of a Church, he said.

nd of course there is much to be said for maintaining standards in an age of crumbling ideals.
Bending the rules on celibacy might only be the first step in a retreat from the certainties which have always been the Catholic Church's great strength. For every stumbling bishop there are a thousand priests serving their congregations with uncomplaining self-denial. obedient to Paul's precept that "they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel".

Perhaps, however, there is another approach. The Church is losing thouands of potential young priests who find they cannot contemplate the unmarried life, and who turn elsewhere rather than fall at the first hurdle. There may be an argument for creating a special order of married priests, rather like those of the Greek Church, a minority one, perhaps operating at a junior level, but nevertheless sanctioned by the Vatican. This would maintain the notion of discipline, so important to Catholics, while at the same time recognising the realities of modern life ...

This may not be heresy. It was, after all. St Paul himself who wrote in his epistle to Timothy that a bishop should be "blameless, the husband of one wife. vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach". It is a precept that might well have kept Bishop Roddy within the Church.

Telling all

your Cabinet is in revolt: in whom can a Prime Minister confide? According to Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, there is no better cure for a fevered mind than a gossip with the Queen - the Marje Proops to our political leaders.

A BBC documentary to be screened on Sunday contains interviews with five former Prime Ministers, who talk of the minutiae of the job. Callaghan waxes enthusiastically about his weekly audiences with Her Majesty.

"One could discuss openly with the Queen matters that one would not even discuss with one's colleagues," he tells Michael Cockerell in his programme How to be a Prime Minister. "Personal matters, relations with other Cabinet colleagues to others . . . I'm not talking about matters of great policy now. I'm talking about the personal side of the prime ministership.

"Well, the Queen was always very interested in that kind of relationship, and one could unhurden oneself to her and I don't think I'm betraying confidences when I say I think that there were occasions when she could talk to me about her personal issues, and

too, in a much more easy way than perhaps she could talk to with

The programme also reveals Harold Wilson's desperate endeavour to assassinate Idi Amin, a plan thwarted by the Foreign Office, which eventually persuaded him that the country could not muster anybody sufficiently skilled for the job.

• The surprise celebrity at Peter Stringfellow's party on Monday



To the wall

since lost his job.

new to the nightclub world, and unused to naked girls frolicking on a stage. "Not really my scene," he said — but surprisingly, he didn't leave until 4 am.

> ADDING a little practical experience to his beat, the Home Secrerary, Michael Howard, recently joined coppers on night patrol in Huddersheld. A quiet evening really, until the assembled hand stumbled across a wall covered in graffitti. "Howard out" they read,

night in his West End nightclub to

launch his autobiography was Terry Major-Ball, the Prime Min-

ister's brother. Terry claimed to be

and "Howard must go". The Home Secretary reportedly dismissed the criticism as just a minor irritant. Nevertheless, he was relieved when Keith Hellawell, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, gripped him reassuringly by the arm: They don't mean you, they mean Howard Wilkinson, manager of the Leeds football team." Wilkinson has

No arguing LISTENERS to Monday morn-

ing's Today programme may have

been surprised to hear Sir James

Goldsmith discussing his Referendum Party in the graveyard segment of the show after 8.30.

Perversely, this is part of Sir James's strategy; insiders at the party say that he insists on appearing last on news programmes. By doing so, he has been advised, he can prevent anyone responding to his tirades.

Elsewhere in the bunker, they have settled on a theme tune for the party: the music from the film The Mission. This is a grandiose piece, redolent of crashing waterfalls, swaring condurs, downtrodden natives, martyrdom and the triumph of the human spirit. Not that Sir James and his groupies are the sorts to over-egg their own

 Norma Major is taking her roadshow to a mecca for housewives. Later this month, she will

Street. Only the store's Gold Card holders will be invited to attend.

Free is best

GERMAINE GREER is sounding-off about opera. She loves it. but cannot understand why opera houses should be given public money when football clubs are nor. In an article for the November issue of BBC Music Magazine she concludes: "Opera is less rather than more deserving of public subsidy than football."

I wonder whether she was pursuing her argument with Sir Jeremy Isaacs, the general director of the Royal Opera House, when he entertained her in his box on Saturday night for a performance of La Bohème.

Speak up

AN APPEAL has gone out from the London offices of Rory Bremner, impressionist and cricketer. He wants information on the Prince of Wales's horsey friend Camilla Parker Bowles - what she sounds like, details of her mannerisms and so forth - so that he can incorporate her into his

Now Bremner is fastidious in his research and spends many hours lunching with the politi-



cians he impersonates. I understand that he has yet to meet Camilla, and although he has studied her from news bulletins and the like, he does not even know what her voice sounds like. "It would be easier to do an impression of the Millennium Tower." he says. "At least everybody knows what it's like." My picture shows an early sketch for the new series, although he admits he still needs to work at



THE PURPOSE OF PRIESTS

Celibacy may be reviewed but not easily abandoned

To those outside the frontiers of its faith the is unlikely to combat such forces. Indeed it practice of celibacy among the Roman Catholic priesthood has long been a matter of comment - by no means all of it flattering. Celibacy is not a law of God but a law of the Church, formalised from the Second Lateran Council of 1139. It could equally be ended by a future Pope or General Council and, on any occasion when the behaviour of an individual reveals its imperfections, the whole institution is brought into question.

It is not difficult to see why such a move might be contemplated following the current case of the Right Rev Roderick Wright, departed Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. Although there is minimal pressure for change from Catholic laity, the church hierarchy has to confront the alleged consequences of the rule. Recruitment to the priesthood has been a cause of concern for some decades. Cardinal Hume has acknowledged that many excellent people find themselves disbarred from their calling by the demands of chastity. Possibly 2,000 priests in Britain alone may have left their parishes to enter personal relationships.

That enforced loss appears especially unnecessary now that Rome has accepted the conversions of many hundreds of married Anglicans and permitted them to preach after reconsecration. Although the extent of disobedience may well be exaggerated, the rule is flouted in large sections of the developing world. If celibacy were responsible for the gradual destruction of the Church in Europe while exposing it to charges of hypocrisy elsewhere, then its continuation could not be justified.

That case, however, is far from proven. The Church of England too, despite the option of marriage for its clergy, has suffered a fall in the numbers entering its ranks. Organised religion has been challenged of late by a crisis of faith and culture of self-satisfying materialism throughout the Western world. Eliminating celibacy alone could be viewed as a capitulation to them. Furthermore, while the vow of perfect chastity has only been mandatory since the 12th century, it has served as an ideal since the very founding of the Church, encouraged by the life of Christ Himself, certain interpretations of St Matthew's Gospel, and recognised from the decretal of Pope Siricius in AD 385. This is not some strange bylaw adopted in a mad medieval moment but one integral to the history and development of Catholicism.

It has also become part of what is distinctive about the Church. Dedication to celibacy, along with the allied embrace of poverty, have created a priesthood which leads an essentially monastic lifestyle in the outside world. That distance, and the extraordinary discipline it demands, is fundamental to the standing of the clergy in the eyes of most Catholics. This quality thus grants a special spiritual status to its holders in the eyes of their congregations. If priests acquired families, many of the present arrangements for their funding would become impractical. The Church would be starkly divided between those inside and outside monastic life. The results of that would be uncertain. Were the rules to be relaxed, and if no great numbers of new priests emerged, the loss would be huge. Circumstances may force this question on

to the Catholic agenda. Ultimately Rome might have to follow the Orthodox example. under which priests may marry before ordination but bishops must be celibate. Yet it is not a change that can be lightly embraced. It goes right to the principle of the purpose of priests. Instinctive conservatism is legitimate. The Church of England abruptly abandoned celibacy in 1549 thus legitimising the marriage of Thomas Cranmer. Archbishop of Canterbury. Roman Catholics should not allow the sad affair of Bishop Wright to provoke similarly hasty

CHURCHILL IN ZURICH

A speech that rippled around the world

Winston Churchill set out his thinking on the postwar world, none has been more persistently mined for thoughts it scarcely entertained than his call, 50 years ago tomorrow at the University of Zurich, for a United States of Europe. There is no disputing the central thesis of the Zurich speech. It fits, along with the great Fulton "Iron Curtain" speech earlier in 1946, into Churchill's central postwar preoccupations - the imperative of Anglo-American co-operation to deter Soviet expansion; the bonding together of the democracies at the United Nations and other institutions, to avert another war; and what he was to call at Zurich, citing Gladstone, a "blessed act of oblivion" in Europe to cover "the injuries of the past".

Europeans, he said at Zurich, must "recreate the European fabric, or as much of it as we can, and provide with a structure under which it can dwell in peace". To that end he insisted - sensationally, in the raw mood of the times -- that "the first step in the recreation of the European family must be a partnership between France and Germany". As we look back over 50 years, these proposals read as the signposts to Western Europe's subsequent recovery. The pity is that in British politics, an audacious and visionary speech has been crawled over ever since for one reason alone: the anxiety of those on both sides of the arguments over Europe to claim Churchill for their cause.

Where Churchill actually stood is reasonably clear from his conclusion. He saw a United States of Europe as a defence for continental democracies weakened by war and threatened by Moscow's hegemonistic ambitions. He did not include Britain in that category; indeed, he saw Britain and its Commonwealth, the US and - more in hope than in expectation - "Soviet Russia" as the "friends and sponsors of the new Europe".

Of the great series of speeches in which He foresaw that this Europe would have an essentially federal system; he even expected the old regions that were later to become the German lander to join as individual members. Above all, he saw this as the only way for France, in partnership with "a spiritually great Germany", to "recover the moral and cultural leadership of Europe".

Churchill intended Britain's "sponsorship" to be active and constructive. The Council of Europe was his idea, set forth at Zurich. But for Churchill, this continental strategy was only part of Britain's postwar task of international institution-building; it could never compete for his loyalties with the association of English-speaking peoples which was for him a "union of hearts". That order of values inspired his opposition, in the early 1960s, to British membership of the Common Market.

The sensation his speech created at the time had little to do with today's controversies about Britain's place in Europe. The British Government disapproved, seeing Churchill's agenda as perilously provocative to Moscow when, as The Times approvingly noted. Attlee still believed that it was possible to avert "the division of Europe and the world into two". London was no less irritated by the diplomatic firestorm which his grand idea of reconciliation with

Germany ignited in Paris. British policy towards Europe, The Times concluded in 1946, must necessarily be more humdrum; we saw more promise in a Franco-British economic agreement then being negotiated. But with whatever reservations, we could not be blind to Churchill's gift for "meeting a new situation with a bold conception rather than with pedestrian prudence" and for "dropping into the waters of international relations stones whose ripples last long and travel far". Fifty years later, the water is still moving.

REMEMBERED IN GLASS

A Shropshire Lad in Westminster Abbey

No poet is easier to parody than A.E. Housman. "What, still alive at 22 - a clean, upstanding chap like you?" began one noted spoof. His taut, terse verse harking back deceptively to ballads and ditties, his rural persona, and obsessive introspection - all make him a powerful and instantly recognisable voice. It is a century ago that A Shropshire Lad was first published, and 60 years ago since his death. Yesterday's unveiling of a memorial window in Westminster Abbey honours his enduring popularity and the influence he has had on generations of poets, writers and politicians.

Housman was a passionate and repressed man, whose emotional frustration found outlet in two great bursts of poetry and in the purist pursuit of classical scholarship. Withdrawing into a melancholic and selfimposed misanthropy, he nevertheless wrote some of the most enduring lines in English, remembered for their gentleness and their loveliness. The Victorians were deceived by the mask of pastoral naivety. and it still comes as a shock to many that this son of a solicitor scarcely ever visited Shropshire, and used the county merely as a

metaphor, a mental landscape. A Shropshire Lad became one of the most widely read books of poetry ever published, touching a generation with nostalgia that stops just short of maudlin sentimentality. and accompanying thousands of soldiers into war. Few at the time knew the deep loneliness and sorrow from which he drew inspiration, his unrequited infatuation with a fellow undergraduate, Moses Jackson. This passion was to inspire another cycle of verse years later when he heard that Jackson, by then married was dying.

Housman himself acknowledged the role of emotion in the genesis of poetry, in his celebrated 1933 lecture The Name and Nature of Poetry. Housman always insisted that he could no more define poetry than a terrier could define a rat; but he knew it when he saw it. Such views and the verse they engendered were, for a generation, scorned by the Leavis school of English. But the man and his poetry have seen a revival, spurred perhaps by the fascination with this shy recluse who wore his unorthodox emotion on his sleeve; who failed his Oxford Latin finals but went on to become one of the most implacable professors of Classics at London and Cambridge; and who left a masterful five-volume edition of the Roman poet Manilius and a collection of pornography to his university and poems that still speak to the heart.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Accountability of Rimington's MI5

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, I was fascinated to read Stella Rimington's account of her work (articles, September 16, 17). What interested me most was how she dealt with the critics of the way MI5 has oper-ated. She is wrong if she continues to think that the critics of the Security Service are all "conspiracy theorists for whom the service is the tool of a repressive state". Many of us have genuine concerns about the ability of an internal secret police service to ever be sufficiently transparent and accountable to merit a place in a democratic society which is not at war.

I have no idea whether the Security Service was involved in "destabilising 20vernments". I do know that Liberty was subject to unwarranted surveillance by the service because Cathy Massiter, one of its ex-employees, revealed this (report, February 22, 1985). I also know that the information she revealed allowed my colleagues to succeed with their case in the European Commission of Human Rights (report, April 27, 1990), which in turn led to the Government putting the service on a statutory footing and setting up a complaints procedure. Our continued criticism of the service is not based on conspiracy theory but rather on principles of openness, accountability, the rule of law and respect for hu-

Unfortunately the most recent changes in the Security Service Act 1996 do nothing to improve the service's ability to meet these principles and for that reason it was wrong for the service to be given a wider remit allowing it to intervene in areas unrelated to "national security".

During Stella Rimington's time the service did become more open and accountable. I do not think she should be "ostracised and excluded from decent society", but the service needs to go a long way further before it can be accepted as an essential part of a democratic society.

Yours faithfully, JOHN WADHAM, Director, Liberty (The National Council for Civil Liberties). 21 Tabard Street, SEI. September 17.

Excellence in the NHS

From Mr A. E. P. Cameron

Delleve Professor Further Watwick (letter, September 11) is quite wrong to make special pleading for the funding of tertiary NHS specialist

One of the unsung achievements of the NHS over the last 40 years has been the diffusion of expertise and resources into the district general hospitals. The historic role of the teaching hospitals has therefore declined.

Much good research now emerges from the district hospitals: indeed some of the most spectacular advances in recent years, such as in vitro fertilisation, have come from places well away from "centres of excellence".

Audit shows that the clinical experience provided to trainces and medical students is much greater in district hospitals; finally the care the patients receive is more likely to be consultant-

One example will suffice: I was recently asked to take over the care of a patient from Suffolk who was operated on in London 17 years ago. Since the operation he has traipsed up to his teaching hospital every six months to be seen by a succession of harassed junior doctors, none of whom had the courage or insight to discharge him

from this unnecessary follow-up. NHS resources are indeed limited; they should therefore be concentrated where they have been shown to be most effective — at the district general hospital level.

Yours faithfully, ALAN CAMERON (Consultant surgeon) The Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road. Ipswich, Suffolk. September 12.

Cancer treatment

From Dr Mike Fried

Sir, In response to Dr Rosalki's letter of September 10, I would like to make it clear that I do not dismiss the potential of gene therapy in the treatment of cancer by the replacement of the p53 gene. My comments on this matter in your report of August 29, "Bad gene corrected in cancer milestone", may have been open to misunderstanding.

I mentioned that all the patients in the study died because I wanted to emphasise that, although this work was indeed promising, it should not be viewed as a "cure" for cancer, and I explained that more research was now needed to establish ways in which additional therapies could assist the introduction of the p53 gene into every tumour cell. Unfortunately these comments did not come across in all editions of your report.

Of course gene therapy is a new approach to treating cancer and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund itself has gene therapy trials in progress.

Yours faithfully. MIKE FRIED Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Roy 123 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2. September 12.

Crisis of morale in the priesthood

From the Reverend Father David W. Barnes

Sir, The question of permanent celibacy for Roman Catholic priests is once again being raised because of the recent events surrounding the Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles

(reports, September 16, 17).

The underlying and more important question, however, is not so much whether we should have a married RC clergy, but rather how far anyone, whomsoever, can make a permanent commitment of their life - whether it be in marriage, the priesthood or reli-

If one cannot make a reliable and permanent life commitment then every decision is negotiable and none is permanent. Fidelity disappears. Hence the situation would arise (and is arising) when no one can rely on anyone absolutely.

As long as we see what has happened to Bishop Wright as an exception, which can occur because of human weakness (to which we are all subject), then we shall keep it in a proper perspective. But if we were to exalt it as to what should be the norm for RC clergy, or still more to see it as a further example that no decision can be for life, then we would miss the point of the dignity and nobility of human na-ture expressed in and fostered by fidelity to a permanent life-long commit-

Human nature would thus be diminished, not enhanced. .

Yours faithfully, DAVID BARNES (Parish priest, St Mary Moorfields), St Mary's Rectory, 4-5 Eldon Street, EC2. September 17.

From the Reverend Father Brian T. Godden

Sir, The question of the morale of the Catholic clergy is raised by your report (September 5) on the National Conference of Priests and by the conference chairman in his letter (Sept ember 11). The events of the last few days have brought the problem under the spotlight again.

Our morale is bound to be affected

because we are not recruiting new priests in sufficient numbers and some of our colleagues are leaving the ranks, but more especially because Rome and the bishops do not seem to be doing anything about it.

In my diocese there is scarcely a deanery which has not got a parish without a resident priest. Most parishes have been trimmed of their curates. The return of missionaries from abroad has helped to mask the crisis which is looming.

The prospect of parishes without Sunday Mass, no one to baptise the children, lay people having to take funerals, churches locked and falling into decay is gloomy indeed. We clergy are mostly growing old

together, and the likelihood of having look after two parishes is not cheerful for one like myself, who is in his seventieth year.
The old clericalist style of the Cath-

olic Church has outgrown its useful-ness, but the immediate prospect is somewhat frightening.
Some of the burning issues, such as the ordination of married men and of women, are not even supposed to be

discussed. There is an obvious need for another General Council of the Church this time to be held away from the influence of the Roman Curia, to finish off the work of the Second Vatican

Yours truly, B. T. GODDEN (Parish priest, Our Lady Immaculate and St Ethelbert's), Wellington Street, Slough, Berkshire. September 17.

From the Reverend Dr Alan C. Clifford

Sir. As a happily married pastor of the Norwich Reformed Church I take a compassionate view of the victims of compulsory priestly celibacy. Since the Apostle Peter was a mar-

ried man (Luke iv. 38) and the Apostle Paul assumed the marital status of bishops (1 Timothy iii, 2), would it not be helpful for all concerned if the Church of Rome discarded its rule in favour of authentic apostolic preced-

If they endorsed such teaching by example, Cardinal Hume and his fellow clergy could then expect their timely calls for sexual discipline and family stability to be more effective.

Yours faithfully, ALAN C. CLIFFORD, 7 Woodside Park, Attieborough, Norfolk,

From the Reverend Father Bryan Storey

Sir. The written law of clerical celibacy appears in an epistle of Pope Siricius (AD 385), rather earlier than the 11th century mentioned in your report ("Pressure grows on Pope to soften celibacy rule", September 16). The implication is that the obligation is not

new but one of long standing.
It is not the relaxation of the law covery of the path to deeper prayer and meditation.

Yours truly, BRYAN STOREY, Chy an Pronter, Trewarmett, Tintagel, Cornwall. September 16.

Runcie biography: a fitting tribute

From Mr Peter Bottomley, MP for Eltham (Conservative)

Sir, I regard criticism of The Times for publishing extracts, or of the author and Lord Runcie for creating the biog-

raphy of the former Archbishop, as wrong (letters, September, 10, 11, 12). In his work and in the conversations recorded in Mr Carpenter's biography. Robert Runcie showed how to build relationships outside the Church, to welcome people into the Christian faith, to introduce people to

the life of the Church, and to bring new Christians towards maturity. The way of life of a man who becomes Archbishop is worth writing and reading. I believe it will encourage many in and around the Church of England in faith, in life and in

Yours faithfully. PETER BOTTOMLEY, House of Commons. September 14.

From Rabbi Professor Dan Cohn-Sherbok

Sir, The Church of England has cause for rejoicing. In his reminiscences. Lord Runcie has shown the Prince of

Wales to be a man deeply interested in soiritual matters. Such theological concern has not been demonstrated by a Supreme Governor of the Church of England since the time of King James 1.

Yours faithfully, DAN COHN-SHERBOK, 89 Winchester Court, Vicarage Gate, W8.

From Mr E. A. Hackford

Sir, In times of sleuze, hypocrisy and backbiting, ought we not to be applauding a biography that portrays a man who speaks honestly with good humour and without malice?

Yours sincerely EDWARD HACKFORD, 7 Homewood Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire. September 14.

From Mrs Georgina Battiscombe

Sir, Lord Runcie, as he now is, when a young officer in action with the Scots Guards, won the Military Cross for his gallantry in pulling a wounded man from a burning tank - hardly the "Woolly breed" of "Canterbury Lamb" shown in your cartoon today.

Yours faithfully, GEORGINA BATTISCOMBE, 40 Phyllis Court Drive, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. September 14.

Night frights

From Professor Margaret Kammerer

Sir, As a long-time sufferer from "sleep paralysis" (British Association report, September 11) my experience bears out Dr Sue Blackmore's hypothesis that so-called paranormal sensations could be explained as unusual electrical activity in key parts of the brain.

Unless a researcher has personal experience of this fairly common sensory motor dysfunction any evidence relating to the phenomenon is likely to be contaminated by many people's insatiable hunger to experience the If my experience is typical the scen-

arios encountered by victims while in paralysed state are three-dimensionhallucinations, as distinguished from the imagery of dreams and To the victim figures in the room

seem completely real. The sense of evil is a natural, primal response, triggered by one's being in the dark, paralysed and alone. The frightening sensation that "a thing" is touching one's body also seems real. The experience can be replicated by touching the bedcovers with the finger tips and "walking" them up one's body with a light pres-In my case the sensation runs from

toe to chest, which suggests a neural transmission striving to activate the paralysed limbs. Many years passed before I realised

that the alarming heavy breathing coming ever closer and louder from the dark was my own - magnified and growing more threatening and rasping as I struggled to break the paralysis. During these episodes time stands

still and the paralysis seems interminable. In real time the episodes probably last for less than a minute.

Yours faithfully. MARGARET KAMMERER. 17 The Mount Square, NW3. September 13.

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Family guidelines on child discipline

From Mrs Margaret Robinson

Sir, Nigella Lawson ("Smacking problems for step-parents in the new family order". September 11) touched on many of the significant issues about parents' and teachers' right to smack not assault - children (see also leading article, September 11, and let-ter, September 12). However, she did not address the wider issue of the step-

parental role in the family.

Step-parents need carefully to build al. their own relationships with their to stepchildren: they cannot just slip into a parental role unless the children are he very young. Even then they are not a likely to have legal parental responsibility which may give them some to

Step-families cannot be the same as nuclear biological families; they require the careful devising of different y family rules" in order to become functional. This depends not only on the age and stage of development of the children at the time when a stepparent enters the family, but also on whether enough time and care has been given to resolving the problems of a separation or divorce. Children must not get caught up in the prob-lems of parental conflict.

Step-parents often have a bad press; but there can be advantages in step-families. One is that the children have a choice of parental models; another that the step-parent may be "uncontaminated" by any negative family

Yours sincerely, MARGARET ROBINSON (Family therapist and mediator: parent, step-parent and step-grandparent), Merryways, Owslebury, Winchester, Hampshire. September 13.

From the Director General of Save the Children

Sir. Your report of September 12, "Isolating children 'bad way to punish' ", unfairly puts childminders in the dock for using "humiliating" forms of psy-chological punishment, such as forcing children to sit in "naughty

chairs" or "naughty corners".

In the guidelines which we issued last week we did indeed highlight what we believe to be bad practices in child discipline; but it has not been our experience that such practices occur among childminders in particu-

Yours faithfully. MIKE AARONSON. Director General. Save the Children. 17 Grove Lane, SE5. September 13.

From Mr P. J. Taylor

Sir. You report today that the general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers has attacked "negative

We parents believe that teachers should be attacked for negative gram-

maring. Yours faithfully, P. J. TAYLOR. 16 Monks Road. Virginia Water, Surrey. September 16.

Romania's future

From Mr Radu Vladicescu

Sir. Mr Gheorghe Dragos, the Romanian Chargé d'Affaires (letter. September 12), is right in saying that Mr Nicolae Ratiu. British president of the World Union of Free Romanians. was inaccurate in his letter of September 4 with regard to the exact title of President Iliescu under the executed

dictator, Ceausescu. President Iliescu was not a Minister for Propaganda but Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party with Special Responsibilities for Propaganda: and the local elections in which the Government was ousted from all major towns did not take place in March, as Mr Dragos is keen

to spot, but in June. I assume that, since these were the only two points Mr Dragos was eager to correct, all other aspects highlighted by Mr Ratiu's letter (government incompetence, widespread corruption, etc) are valid.

Yours sincerely. RADU VLADICESCU. 11a Mountney Road, Eastbourne. East Sussex.

Out of sync

From Mr Ian Sutherland

Sir, Mr A. R. Jacks's concerns at the 500ft error on the altimeter of the flying boat Corinna (letter, September 16; see also letters, September 9, 11) remind me of my first flight on Concorde to Washington. Seated near the tail I could see the mach meters on the forward and centre bulkheads.

The forward meter read 2.01 and the centre 2.02. When I told the stewardess that the tail seemed to be flying faster than the pilot, her already wellestablished smile became rather fixed and her eyes glazed over. She did not panic.

The matter was corrected when the pilot went through immigration faster than I did.

Yours sincerely. IAN SUTHERLAND. 2 Hamilton Gardens, NW8. September 16.

SOCIAL **NEWS**

The Duke of Gloucester has become Patron of The Royal Pioneer Corps Association.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, will open New Yatt's Own Home Project, the Old Tip, Boddington Lane. North Leigh. Witney, Oxfordshire, at 10.30; as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend the Rural Carers Event organised by the Carers Centre (North and West Oxfordshire), West Oxfordshire College, Witney, at 11.45; and, as Patron of Sense - The National Deafblind and Rubella Association, will visit Chalmore House, Reading Road, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, at 1.40. Later, as President of the Patrons of Crime Concern, will attend a reception at the Legal and General Assurance Society, Knox Court, Fitzalan Place, Cardiff, at 6.00. The Duke of Kent, as President of

the Engineering Council, will present the prizes at the Young Engineers for Britain national final at the British Airways engineering maintenance base at Heathrow Airport at 10.00.

Birthdays today

Lord Ackner, 76; Mr Ray Alan, Beadles, Headmaster, Epsom College, 56; Mr Jack Cardiff, film director and cameraman, 82: Mr Niall Crowley, former chairman, Allied Irish Banks, 70: Miss Siobhan Davies, choreographer, 46; Viscount Eccles, CH, 92: Mr Robin Fleming, chairman, Robert Fleming Holdings, 64; Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, former Director of Public Prosecutions, 70; Sir Curtis Keeble, diplomat, 74; Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP, 47: Mr Derek Pringle, cricketer, 38: Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, QC, 52; Mr Peter Shilton, footballer, 47: Mr. tor, London Tourist Board, 80; Mr. J.M. Stoddart, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Sheffield Hallam University, 58: Professor Dorothy Wedderburn, former Principal, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, 71.

Receptions

Wind Sand & Stars Wind, Sand & Stars held a reception last night at the Royal Geographical Society to celebrate five years of desert and mountain journeys in the Sinai. British Safety Council

Mr Tim Hooper, of the British Safety Council's Board of Covernors, was the host at a reception held yesterday at Armourers' Hall for the Diploma in Safety Management and Faculty of Risk Manage ment awards. Mr Jim Brett. deputy director general. among those present.

Service dinner

HMS Victory Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command. was the host at a dinner held onboard his flag ship HMS Victory at Portsmouth last night. The Bishop of Winchester and the Lord Mayor of London were among the

Dinner

World Customs Organisat Mr Anthony Newton, Lord President of the Council, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Customs and Excise last night in Brighton to mark the close of the World Customs Organisation's Con-ference of Heads of Customs Investigations Services. Mr Richard Kellaway. Customs Chief Investigations Officer, was the host.



An autumn flower show of mellow fruitfulness

BY ALAN TOOGOOD HOITTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE very title great autumn flower show can create a false impression for some people, as this major event is not a blaze of foliage and berry colour (that is a feature of the October show) but a festival of autumn-flowering plants and bulbs.

Dahlias dominate at this Royal Horticultural Society show, which opened yesterday, with the goldmedal display from Aylett Nurseries, of London Colney. Hertfordshire, forming the centreplece in the New Horticultural Hall. As usual the scores of cultivars are grouped according to colour and there is a sprinkling of promising new ones, including "Hillcrest Albino" (white medium semi-cactus), "Bracken Ballerina" (shell-pink small waterlily type), and 'Finchcocks" (small waterlily in blends of orange).

Chrysanthemums epitomise au-turn and the display of hardy Korean types from Home Meadows Nursery, of Martiesham, Suffolk, is creating an eye-catching display. They form part of the national collection of Koreans which is held by the nursery and there are some distinctive cultivars among them, such as "Aline" with peachcoloured spoon-petalled flowers.

making an appearance at this show. Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Borders, are showing a collection that they have raised from seed, which creates quite a variation in colour, but the tub of Gentiana "Multiflora" takes some beating with its multi-beaded dark blue flowers, an easy one to grow given lime-free soil.

Autumn is also the season for hydrangeas, and a collection of blueflowered cultivars has been staged by Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, who have gained a gold medal. One of the darkest blue cultivars in this display is "Kluis Superbe".

Colchicums, the favourite bulbs of autumn, are rather late this year and few are to be seen at this show, although some exhibitors have managed a few, including Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset. They have included the rare deep lilac Colchicum panonicum, a much underrated plant. Broadleigh are building up a collection of agapanthus or African lilies and have included a few late-flowering cultivars on their stand. Particularly eye-catching are "Blue Moon" with pale blue flowers, and the dark blue "Loch Hope". Agapanthus are not yet available from this nursery as stocks are being built up.

Bulbs, of Mid Lambrook, Somerset, including their own seed-raised Eucomis comosum which has resulted in some exciting colours, including pink flowers on red stems. Also eyecatching is E. autumnalis with spikes of white flowers, and the greeny white E. bicolor alba.

Autumn-flowering ornamental on-ions or alliums are being featured by Rupert Bowlby, of Gatton, Surrey, including the rarely offered Allium virounculae, a native of Japan. It is a miniature species, ideal for rock gardens, and produces soft pink owers amid fine grassy foliage. Jekka's Herb Farm, of Alveston,

Bristol, is featuring a Victorian favourite, Calomeria amaranthoides (Humea viegans), the incense plant, which was used as a houseplant to create a fragrant atmosphere. It is a tender biennial with huge but dainty panicles of flowers which have dusky pink bracts.

Among the more unusual exhibits is a collection of plants used in pharmaceutical medicine, staged by the Chelsea Physic Garden, of London, linking with the original role of this garden. The Madagascan periwinkle, Catharanthus roseus, is included. This is a common pot plant, but also field-grown as the principal Eucomis, the rather tender pineap- anti-leukaemia drug. Product packag-Autumn-flowering gentians are ple flowers, are featured by Avon ing is displayed next to the plants from 10am to 5pm.

from which the drugs are derived, so visitors can see that many products are obtained from natural sources. The exhibit has been awarded a gold

Columnar fruit trees known as minarettes are being shown by fruit specialist Ken Muir, of Weeley Heath, Essex, who has been awarded a gold medal. The little trees, laden with ripe fruit, are well-known cultivars of apples and pears. Minarettes crop on short spurs on a single upright stem and as they do not produce conventional branches they are ideal where space is limited and for growing in patio tubs.

Other gold medallists are the African Violet Centre, of Terrington St Clement, Norfolk (saintpalias); Bushukan Bonsai, of Hockley, Essex (bonsai): Fir Trees Pelargonium Nursery, of Stokesley, North Yorkshire (pelargoniums); Heather and Brian Hiley, of Wallington, Surrey (tender and unusual perennials and grasses); Philip Tivey & Sons, of Syston, Leicestershire (dahlias): Toobees Ex-otics, of Woking, Surrey (succulent plants); and Westdale Nurseries, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire (bougainvilleas).

The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today

William Stansell Dening of Brockley, Backwell, North Somer-

Reginald Francis Bate, of London

Rita Rose Shapiro, of London, N2, left estate valued at £1,170,441 net. William Warren Stevens, of Woodside Park, Finchley, London N12. left estate valued at £1,089.426

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Saxmundham, Suffolk, left estate valued at E837_398 net. Cyril Dowton Balch, company director, of Worthing, West Sus-sex, left estate valued at £317,400

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.F. Berry and Miss S.A.R. Scarr

ADRIAN SHERRATT

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Berry, of Cadham, Fife, and Sarah, younger daughter of Major Desmond Scarr, of Cheltenham, and Mrs Jane Scarr, of Benson, Oxfordshire. Mr M.G. Colman

and Miss J.E. Johnston The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Sir Timothy and Lady Mary

Colman, of Norwich, Norfolk, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Johnston, of Sydney. Australia.

Mr D.W.A. Cooke and Miss H.K. Tilbury

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Catherine Rowan, of Durban, South Africa, and Arme, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Kelly, of Chiswick, London. Mr A.B. Walker

and Miss V.A. Ware The engagement is announced between Adam, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Walker, of Bexhilion-Sea, Sussex, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Ware, of Haslemere,

and Miss E.M.F. Shelton-Agar The engagement is announced between Francis, son of Mrs Kenneth Nation-Dixon and the late Mr Kenneth Nation-Dixon, of Brompton Square, London SW3, and Emma Mary Frances, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Richard Shelton-Agar, of Ram

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Petersfield, Hampshire. Mr B.R. Webb and Miss I.C. Metrion Williams The engagement is announced between Barry, son of Mr and Mrs John Webb. of Tadworth, Surrey. and Ingela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Meirion Williams of Eastbourne.

Marriages

Mr J.R. Hobby and Miss L.P.A. Notley The marriage took place on Sar-urday, September 14, at St Peter's Church. Clyffe Pypard, Wiltshire, of Jeffrey, son of Mr and Mrs John Hobby, and Phoebe, elder daughter of Major General and Mrs Roland Notley. The Rev Colin Fox and the Rev Geoffrey Capes officialed.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Trini and Sophie Buxton. Rebbeca Watkins and Sebestian Quesnel. Mr Jonathan Hobby was best man

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R.S. James and Miss D. Lues
The marriage took place on Pri-day, September 13, 1996, at St Andrew's, Major, Cardiff, South

Wales, between Rod James and Debbie Luen. Mr J.I. Lamont and Miss N.J. Sinnett

The marriage took place on Sat-urday. September 14, at St Brynach's Church, Llanfrynach. Brecon, of Mr Jaime Lamont. eldest son of the late Mr Ian Lamont and of Mrs Lamont, to Miss Nicola Sinnett, elder daugh-ter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Richard Sinnett. The Rev Peter Sims officiated.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon will be spent in southern Africa.

Church news

The Rev Dr John Roden, Priest-in-charge, Appleton Roebuck w Acaster Selby: to be Industrial Chaplain in the Selby Coalfield Industrial Chaplaincy and Priest-incharge, Appleton Roebuck w Acaster Selby (York).

The Rev Catherine Rowling. Chaplain, Teesside University: to be Dean of Women's Ministry, diocese of York. The Rev Paul Springate, Team Vicar. Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave (Leicester): to be Warden and Chaplain, Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing (Gloucester).

The Rev Andrew Stoker, Assistant Curate, Clifford: to be Priest-in-charge, Cawood. Ryther and Wistow (York). The Rev David Williams. Team Rector, St Mark's, Cheltenham: to be aiso an Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral (Gloucester).

The Rev David Woods, Priestin-charge, united benefice of ingoldmells w Addlethorne (Lincoln): to be Rector of that benefice, same diocese.

Resignations and

reinereculs The Rev Trevor Devamanikkam, Chaplain of St Andrew's. Fuengirola, Spain (Europe): to resign November I. The Rev Anthony Eagles Team Vicar, Great Marlow Team Ministry (Oxford): reThe Rev Jose Mitchell, Assistant Curate, St James, Enfield Highway (London): to retire September 30.

The Rev Bevan Wardrobe, Chaplain, San Remo, Italy (Europe): to retire November 3.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Edinburgh Geoffrey Robert Hart has been ed priest and will serve as Priest in Charge at St Salvador's. Edinburgh, and as Curate at St

Sarah Kilbey, formerly at St Columba's-by-the-Castle. has joined the Team Ministry at St Martin of Tours, Dairy Road. Stephen Andrew Bull, Curate at St John the Baptist and St Helen. Wroughton, has become Priest in Charge at St Ebba's, Eyemouth.

Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney Kate Snyder Gibson has been instituted as Rector of St Thomas Aboyne and St Kentigern's, Ballater. She was licensed Priest in Charge in 1995. Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

David Campbell, previously Curate at St John's, Perth, has been instituted as Priest in Charge of St Mary's, Newport on Tay, and St Margaret's, Tayport Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

Frank Hugh Blanchard resigned as Priest in Charge of St Paul's. Rothesay, on September 1. He is moving to Bridekirk, Carlisle.

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BAMIS - On September 10th to Amanda (née Pearson and John, a son, Joshu Reginald William

BEGG - On Tuesday September 17th 1996 at Cheisen and Westminster Hospital, to Teleri (née Bligh) and Robin, a daughter, Elicia Aston.

COOPER - On September 4th, to Harriot (nie Smallwood) and Giles, a daughter, Alice HOSBS - On September 7th 1996, to Caroline (nee

HUGHES-ONSLOW . September 15th 1996, to Laura (nee Newton) and Anthony, a son, Fergus

LAMBERT - On September 5th in Bressels, to Heidi (né-Rumble) and Matthew, a sor

REAVE - On September 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Victoria (née McAlrine) and Lioned, a son, Digby, a brother for Alico. September 1996, at Makon North Yorkshire, to Charity and Tim, a son, Samue MYE - On September 6th 1996 to Empta (née Veale) an

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Anniversaries

Burghley, statesman, Bourne, Lincolnshire, 1520; Samuel Johnson, writer, critic and lexicog-rapher, Lichfield, Staffordshire, 1709: Sir Owen Seaman, poet, Editor of Punch 1906-32, London, 1861: John George Diefenbaker. Prime Minister of Canada 1957-63. Grey County, Ontario, 1895; Greta Garbo, actress, Stockholm, 1905. DEATHS: Matthew Prior, poet, Wimpole, Cambridgeshire, 1721; Leonhard Euler, mathematician, St Petersburg, 1783; William Haz-lin, essayist, London, 1830; John Sterling, writer, Venmor, 1844; Joseph Locke, civil engineer, Moffat, Dumfrles, 1860: Dion Bou-

cicault, dramatist and actor. New

BIRTHS: William Cedl. Baron

Fizeau, physicist. Venteuil, 1896; Francis Herbert Bradley, philos-opher. Oxford, 1924; Dag Hammarskiold. Secretary-Gen-eral of the United Nations 1953-61. killed in an air crash, Ndola. Zambia, 1961: Sean O'Casey. dramatist, Torquay, 1964; Sir John Cockcroft, physicist, Nobel laure-ate 1951, Cambridge, 1967; Jimi Hendrix, rock musician, London. 1970: Katherise Anne Porter writer, 1980.

The New York Times was first published, 1851. The Irish Home Rule Bill received Royal Assent, 1914. France abolished the guillotine.

York, 1890: Armand Hippolyte Marjorie Kathleen Stewart, of st £1,162,851 net. Richard Frank Hucks, of Hampton Court, Middlesex, left estate valued at £1,268,233 net.

ad, Surrey, left estate valued

Mark Jeremy Penney, of Kingsion-upon-Thames, Surrey, left es-tate valued at £1,226,669 net. Jessie Jacquetta Priestley, of Leysbourne, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, left estate valued

at El.304,983 net.

She left £1.000 to King Edward VI School. Strattord-upon-avon, and the RSPB: £500 to Campden and District Historical and Archaelogical Society, and Strations-upon-avon Society. £2.000 to Newmbarn College. Cambridge.

Latest wills

set, left estate valued at £993,675

W5. left estate valued at £1,297,421 He left 12.5 per cent of his residuary estate to the British Diabetic Association and Age Concern, England.

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Everard Stanley Willis, of Burton Rossett, nr Wrexham, Clwyd, left estate valued at £1,078,598 net.

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BENMETT - On Soptember 14th
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BOOTH - Mary Estatuen (Molly), aged 94, on September 16th suddenly and peacefully in hospital. Beloved wife of the Inte John L. Booth and a truly remarkable and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cresation. Memorial Service to be amounted.

CAURFELD - Philippa Mary née Brocklebank on 16th September, widow of Toby, mother of James and of Charlotte Evans, Funeni and burial of ashes St Luke's Church, Lynch, Tuesday 24th September 2 pm. Enquiries to LF Limott & Sons, Midburst, (01730) 813264.

DEATHS DEATHS CHAMEN - On Semday 15th September 1996, Christian Ells Hope aged 89. Devoted wife of the late Laurie Chamen and much loved again to the Todhenter family. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at S. Mary the Virgin, Eures, on Tuesday 24th September at 3 pm. No flowers, but donations may be sent to the church to Bures P.C.C. or the Vicatage, Sures St Mary, Soffel.

DAY - Margaret Lecy on 15th
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EDMONDS - Ireme Margapet, died poncefully at Hither Green Hospital on 15th September. Fuberal at All Saints Church. Blackheath at 10.45 am Friday 20th September. Family Howers only, Dunations if wished to Lewisham N.B.S. Trust Laugue of Friends, Hither Green Hospital, Lendon SE13 6RU.

FLETCHER - On September 16th 1996, Theothy, Priest, aged 69. Deeply loved husband of Eve and father of Martin and Stephen, Funeral Service at Engager Parish Church on Monday 23rd September at 11:30 am. No flowers by request but douations if desired may be sent for Christin Aid.

MAY - On September 16th
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CORMAN - Durck of New York City on 10th September after a long illness borns with courage. Durchy loved Husband of Fat. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Emison Church, Eastbourne of Monday 23rd September a 12 noon. Flowers of donations if desired for Priends of Eastbourne Hospital of Hains & Son 114, 19 South Street Eastbourne, teleph (01323) 727801.

MORRIS - On Sunday September 15th 1996 in Tothay Respital, Tom Arthur reduced beastal Supera, after a long period of poor health. Beloved husband of Losemary, dear father of Colin, Felicity, Caroline and Richard, and loved grandfather. Funeral at Torquay Crematerium on Priday September 20th at 4pm. All superiorum in Priday September 20th at 4pm. All superiorum in Losema of Torton, Hele Road, Torquay, Tat. (0.1803) Torquay.

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FORTER - Jack on 17th September peacefully in hospital. Much loved hospital. Much loved hashard of Femry for 43 years, he will be greatly missed and was loved by family and friends. Cremation - family only followed by Memorial Service at St May's, Frankain, at 12.30 pm Tuesday 24th September. Family flowers only please or douations to Camear Research.

PRESTOR - Hilary, on September 15th, used 88, pencefully in Respiral after a short liness. Daughter of the isse Dr. John Preston of Maresfield and editor for many years of Vacher's Parliamentary Companion. many years of Vacher's Parliamentary Compension. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Cremetorium Main Chapel on Wednesday September 25th at 1 ym. No flowers by request. Enquiries to Huine & Son Ltd. Eastbourne, tel: 101223 727801

Brian and mether of Peter, Stewart, Lawrence and Jacky, died on Sunday September 15th 1996. A September 15th 1996. A Thanksgiving Celebration for her life will be held at Clare College Chapel, Cambridge, on Sanday September 22nd at 12 noon. No flowers by request but donations welcomed for the Friends of Centre for Rehabilistation of the Paralysed (Bangladesh) clottle White House, East Common Road, Gerrards, Crom, 519 7AF. RCHARDS - Arthur Westley on September 15th, beloved busboad of Namey and very Gear Lether, father-in-law, and grandfather of Hog, Stater and Ropert, Private cremation, Enquiries to (0151) 625 5274.

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MATERS - Mrs Mariel Waters, also known as Mes Mollis Warner, widow of Jack Warner, passed pencrully pury at the Oosen Mother Hospital, Hargale, on 16th Suptember 1996.

Williams - Stanley Gordon of Longhope, Clos, suddenly at his home on September 15th aged 69 years, late of Seepecombe, Clos, Selowed humband, father, Lather-ta-law and geamfasther, Fanumal Service at Gloscoster, Gronntorium on Friday September 25th at 2 pm. No flowers by request." Donations in Hen for Lilleybrook Chestenham General Sorptim may be sent to the Matter.

MEMORIAL SERVICES LADD - A Memorial Service for Marie-Antonome Ladd, who died on fally 25th, will be hold in St George's Chapel, Window Chylle, on Monday October 14th at 2:30 ms.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

RASCH - A Service Thanksgiving for the life of Stajor Sir Richard Reach of will be held at the Court Chapel, wellington Barneck on Wednesday 16th Devok-Chapel, Wellington Barrice on Wednesday 16th Octob at 12 noon. Those wishing attend should apply i tickets and if required a pass to The Regimental Adjutant, Grandist Guards, Mellington Birdcage Walk, London SWIE 6HQ by 2nd October 1996. Tickets will be issued after that date.

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OBITUARIES

McGEORGE BUNDY

McGeorge Bundy. National Security Adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, died in Boston on September 16 aged 77. He was born in the same city on March 30, 1919.

o have helped to avert what might well have turned into a third world war was, perhaos. McGeorge Bundy's greatest achievement. On the afternoon of October 15, 1962, while serving as President Kennedy's special assistant for national security affairs, Bundy was the first to be informed of the presence of Sovier missiles in Cuba. Another man might have rushed to the Oval Office with the news; Bundy did not.

instead, he delayed telling the President until the next morning, using the interven-ing time to allow the intelligence agencies to assemble the facts, and to give Kennedy time to rest before dealing with a potential nuclear confrontation.

It was a typical Bundy gambit, keeping the process of decision-making open until all possible policy ramifications had been explored. On October 17, at a meeting of an expert committee set up to advise Kennedy on the Cuban crisis. Bundy argued successfully against an air strike against the missile sites and in favour of a diplomatic approach. And it was by diplomacy, with the help of a naval blockade of the island, that the crisis was eventually resolved.

Once described by the late Judge Learned Hand - a man not given to hyperbole - as "the brightest man in America". McGeorge Bundy was born into a family whose antecedents included a Revolutionary War general, a poet and a former president of Harvard.



Seen in retrospect, his progress to the White House staff appeared almost inevitable. His father had worked in the State Department under Henry L. Stimson, President Hoover's Secretary of State. Stimson, who served in the Administrations of five Presidents, exerted a considerable influence on the younger Bundy, instilling in him a consciousness of his WASP status and the importance of disinterested public service.

A brilliant scholar, Bundy graduated first in his class from Groton School and from Yale, where he became a iunior fellow in 1941. He then - despite poor eyesight (he resourcefully memorised the

letters on a standard eye-test sheet) - volunteered for the Army, starting off as an enlisted man and ending up as a captain in Intelligence.

He served on the staff planning the invasions of Sicily and France, working on both occasions in close cooperation with the British (David Astor became a friend at this time). He was released from the military in 1946 and his first postwar job lay in helping Stimson - who had been President Roosevelt's wartime Secretary for the Army — to research and write his autobiography. In April 1948 he went to Washington to work for the agency responsible for implementing the Marshall Plan for restoring the European economies.

As a lecturer in government at Harvard, beginning in 1949, Bundy proved an impressive teacher. He also showed a remarkable ability to handle the university's complicated bureaucracy and its independent-minded faculty. Within four years had been appointed dean of arts and sciences, the second-ranking post (behind only that of university president) at Harvard. In 1954 he was made a full professor, in spite of lacking the normal academic credentials.

controlled even Cabinet members' access to the President Bundy was nominally and the agenda of what would Republican, and backed Eibe discussed. By the end of senhower in 1952 and 1956. But 1961 he had virtually achieved he withdrew his support from Kennedy's aim of sidelining

running foreign affairs through a small semi-secret office. He was now one of the President's "inner circle," a small group of advisers consulted daily, and on whose judgment Kennedy relied in times of crisis. Unlike many of Kennedy's

the State Department, and

close associates, Bundy remained at his post after the President's 1963 assassination. Under President Johnson he became an important figure in the formulation of American policy on Vietnam, and his advice was crucial in the decision to increase the bomb-ing raids. His personality, however, did not mix with Johnson's and in December 1965 he resigned from his post to become president of the Ford Foundation. But it was not until 1967 that he joined the chorus of voices protesting against further American Involvement in Vietnam. (Part of the explanation here may well have lain in the fact that his elder brother, William P. Bundy, was Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, 1964-69.)

At the Ford Foundation, Bundy's main efforts were concentrated on the climination of racial discrimination in the United States, and on the improvement of education at all levels. The results were decidedly mixed. After ten years, in 1979, he began a tenyear stint as a professor of history at New York University, then worked from 1990 to 1993 as chairman of the Carnegie Corporation's committee on reducing the danger of nuclear war. He was scholarin-residence at the Carnegie Corporation at the time of his

great power. Bundy, in effect, McGeorge Bundy wrote a number of books, including The Strength of Government (1968) and Danger and Survival (1988). He is survived by his wife Mary, and four sons.

LLOYD TURNER

Lloyd Turner, journalist, died of a heart attack on September 12 aged 57. He was born on October 2.

LLOYD TURNER was the stuff of which Fleet Street legends are made. A fullblooded Australian, with a laugh that came from his boots and, in his early days at least, a capacity for drink enough to fill them.

He arrived in England on the Australian journalists' ratrun from Sydney to Manchester - the normal route in the 1960s - after a career in New South Wales on the Newcastle Morning Herald, where he began life as a trainee in 1956, working his way through crime, pictures and features before finishing up as assistant editor.

His first job in Britain was on that nursery of great talent, the Manchester Evening News, where he was industrial correspondent, an experience that was to prove useful during his turbulent time as father of the Daily Express National Union of Journalists chapel (office branch).

The years 1969 to 1974 saw enormous upheaval and industrial unrest in Fleet Street, particularly among journal-ists who had been kept docile by foreign trips, big bylines, liberal expenses and elastic pub hours. By 1969 this was no longer enough and the journalists began to adopt tactics favoured by the print unions. There were some bruising confrontations with management, and Lloyd Turner's aggressive zeal inflicted some sharp wounds on managers who had already begun to lose their way after the death of Lord Beaverbrook.

Turner's time as FOC saw new house agreements, but the tough, aggressive exterior hid a rather unsure, less confident man who could be carried away with his own enthusiasm. This was the time of the hard-drinking Lloyd Turner. Together with his great and enduring friend Peter Tory, he founded the 84 Club, based in a flat at Napier Court, Putney, a drinking establishment in which even an Arsenai footballer would have had trouble holding his

Scotch was the tipple, and a great deal of it. On one memorable, if hazy, occasion the drink ran out at 4,30am, so Turner knocked up a publican, demanding bottles of Scotch, claiming he had become the proud father of triplets. Such was his charm and conviction that the blearyeved, bemused landlord handed the bottles over without a murmur and returned to bed. Such was Fleet Street in the days before flow charts, Perrier water and Diet Coke.

Turner's rise to an editorship was through the traditional route: he was chief subeditor and night editor of the

Daily Express before being appointed to the elderly spinster's bimbo sister, the Daily Star. The Star had always lived in the shadow of The Sun and the Daily Mirror, but it came nearest to emerging in Turner's seven-year reign.

He almost managed to usurp the traditional role of the Mirror by capitalising on the mayhem created by Robert Maxwell when he took over the paper in 1984. He gave the Star heart and a new zest, and most importantly, new readers, largely at the expense of the Mirror. Controversy was there, too: Turner was castigated for running pictures of a pregnant Princess of Wales sunbathing, which had been obtained by a reporter and photographer crawling through undergrowth for the best part of half a mile. The readers lapped it up.

His editorship ended after a silly mistake he had not seen, something all editors dread. The Star libelled Jeffrey Archer after the News of the World's disclosure of his E2,000 payment to a prosti-tute. The paper decided to fight the case and went down for £500,000, but not before the nation had been treated to some splendidly juicy stuff, which ended with the judge referring to the then Mrs Mary Archer as "fragrant" -

an epithet that has stuck. Turner started out on a new career as a farmer, rearing prize bulls together with his third wife, Jill, a former Daily Express reporter and night news editor. Happily married and now non-drinking, he had found a solid, lasting relationship that had eluded him in his earlier days. But in spite of his bulls — "my boys", as he described them - journalism remained his first love and he was desperate to return. He did so as an assistant editor on Today, where once again he took on the role of management scourge, this time not on pay but on "new technology". When Today closed he went

back to his "boys", but in his 58th year his spirit remained restless. He was about to go back to newspapers, this time on the Daily Mail. Outwardly brash and out-

spoken. Turner was in fact a self-doubting, self-examining man; not a bad combination for an editor. His furious sense of injustice for those who could not speak for themselves it was in his journalism or his charity work for the NSPCC. His last months were spent

advising the National Farmers' Union on "mad cow" disease and the human connection. That must have given that big laugh a chance to work overtime. For as an executive on Today he had helped the paper to expose the scandal in the first place, a scandal the NFU refused to admit existed.

He is survived by his third

MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES SCOTT-ELLIOT

Major-General James Scott-Elliot, CB, CBE, DSO and Bar, GOC 51st (Highland) Division, 1952-56. died on September 12 aged 93. He was born on November 6, 1902.

JIM SCOTT-ELLIOT used to "trust in providence, and follow your star" and he certainly practised what he preached. He was essentially a fighting soldier, who commanded two different Scottish battalions in Tunisia and Sicily, and two different brigades in Italy. He survived their many battles unscathed to tell the tale in several monographs, which he has left with his family. The son of Lieutenant-Colo-

nel W. Scott-Elliot, he was educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst, Commissioned into the King's Own Scottish Borderers, he served with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt, Hong Kong, Shanghai and India, becoming its Adjutant in 1929. After a spell in Malta he was transferred to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, attended the Staff College in 1937-38 and

was GSO3, Scottish Com-mand in 1939. To him fell the task of dispatching the mobilisation telegram — "War has broken out with Germany" - to all units serving in Scotland. Early in 1940 he left for

France as the Brigade Major of the 154th Brigade in the 51st (Highland) Division. It was employed initially on digging the anti-tank defences round Lille, However, when the German Blitzkrieg opened in France and Belgium in May 1940, the division was down in the Saar, far from the rest of the BEF, holding a sector of the Maginot Line's covering position. They were rushed back north to help the French defend the Somme after the Germans had broken through to the Channel coast and pinned down the BEF at Dunkirk.

Two of Scott-Elliot's battalions were virtually wiped out. Luckily his brigade was withdrawn to organise the defence of Le Havre. So he escaped being taken prisoner when the rest of the Highland Division was forced to surrender at St Valery. He returned to Eng-

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land with his brigade via Le Havre and Cherbourg.

He did not see active service again until December 1942, when he was commanding the 6th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They had been converted into the 93rd Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artil-lery, for the Tunisian campaign, and their batteries and troops were used as antitank "fire brigades" up and down the Allied front throughout the winter battles of 1942-43. Suddenly at no notice,

Scott-Elliot was sent off to take command of the 8th Battalion of the Argylls, whose commanding officer, together with most of his headquarters, had been killed on the notorious Longstop feature, overlooking the approaches to Tunis. The 8th Battalion was back in action under Scott-Elliot's command within 48 hours. and fought on throughout the final battles for Tunis in the 78th Division.

Scott-Elliot continued to command the 8th Argylls

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throughout the Sicilian campaign, winning the DSO at Centuripe, to the west of Mount Etna, where in August 1943 his battalion played a major part in persuading Heilmann's 3rd German Parachute Battalion to abandon this key town. He took the 8th Argylls on to Italy where won his second DSO during the landings at Termoli in October 1943. With very few anti-tank guns and no tank support, his Argylls absorbed and then stopped 16th Panzer Division's counter-attacks. This epic fight cost the battalion 162 casualties.

the party after its 1960 nomi-nation of Richard Nixon, and

worked instead for then Sena-

tor John F. Kennedy. Kennedy

was so impressed by his intellectual brilliance,

organisational ability and

philosophical pragmatism,

that he offered him a choice of

positions in the new Adminis-

tration. Bundy rejected most of

them but accepted that of

special assistant for national

It proved to be a position of

security affairs.

During Montgomery's crossing of the Sangro in November, Scott-Elliot was again sent off at short notice, this time promoted to command the 17th Indian Brigade in the 8th Indian Division. Its commander had just been sacked for failing to hold the important hill town of Mozzagrogna on the north side of the Sangro. Hardly speaking any Urdu, or knowing much about Indian troops. he quickly established a rapport with its officers and retook the town. Three months later he was sent across to the west coast of Italy to command the 167th (London) Brigade of the 56th Division in the bridgehead over the Gariglia-

no River. But in mid-February 1944, the 56th Division was shipped off in a hurry to Anzio where the Germans were making determined efforts to drive the Allies back into the sea. His brigade took over a position just west of the crucial Flyover Bridge in the centre of the Allied line. The day after their arrival, the German forces made their final despairing effort to break through. The British Official History remarks: "167th Brigade was offering a very stubborn defence." His forward companies were, indeed, overrun, but the rest held firm until the German effort was spent.

The Soth Division returned to Italy for the breaching of the Gothic Line in September 1944. Scott-Elliot's brigade took the lead as the division thrust its way through the Appennine foothills in a series of hard-fought battles until it reached the Po Valley just as the autumn rains began. Thereafter, he played a full part in the frustrating and costly winter battles among the Romagna rivers; and in the final decisive battle of the campaign, fought just south of the River Po, his brigade operated successfully around Lake Commachio and through the Argenta Gap. His troops were the first to cross the Po on April 25, 1945.

The war over, his brigade occupied Pola, the Italian naval port on the Istrian Peninsula south of Trieste, and succeeded in clearing the Yugoslavs out of it without bloodshed. When his brigade was disbanded in February 1946, he was sent to Germany to command the 130th Brigade, but he was soon back in Pola where his successor, commanding the 13th Brigade. had been assassinated. He stayed on until the political settlement of May 1947.

He retired from the Army in 1956, having been Deputy Director of Military Training in the War Office, 1948-50; Deputy Commander 51st Highland Division, 1950-52; and its Commander, 1952-56. He was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire in 1962. He was president of the Antiquaries of Scotland and of the British Dowsers Society, publishing Dowsing One Man's Way in 1977.

He married Cecil Margaret Du Boisson in 1932. The marriage was dissolved in 1969, and he married Fay Courtauld in 1971. She and the son and two daughters of his first marriage survive him.



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THE DEATH OF LOUIS XVIII Thus, then, the event so often predicted-

the death of LOUIS the XVIIIth of Francehas at length become a matter of history. That Prince is actually dead. He and NAPOLEON are alike removed from the world, which blazed with their adverse pretensions-tha world which was wrung with misery, and drenched with blood, for the sake of fixing one or other of them upon a throne, from which, within ten short years, they have now successfully and irrevocably fallen. Yet, for all the millions of lives that were sacrificed, and of treasures wasted, on account of these two men. how few of the individuals that survive them would pay five pounds, or travel a day's journey, to bring either of them back into existence. Such, alas! in the eye of a calm observer, is the vanity of most human agitations. No European Prince of the last two centuries underwent more vicissitudes than Louis XVIII, nor endured them with more exemplary equanimity. It is not too much to say on his behalf, that there was no exhibition of meanness in his adversity, nor of insolence in his prosperous fortune. How much of this seeming superiority to fate may have sprung from a real grandeur of conception or how much from mere constitutional heedlessness— -not troubling itself about any but immediate

ON THIS DAY **September 18, 1824**

Louis XVIII (1755-1824) was the brother of the executed Louis XVI. As a refugee he spent the years 1807-14 in England. On the restoration of the monarchy he promised to grant a constitution—the Charter.

and trivial objects-it might, perhaps be no very difficult office to determine. Louis was unquestionably more an Epicurean than a Stoic. His indolent love of pleasure served him as a substitute for the nobler contempt of suffering; and those who speak of him as magnanimous under misfortune, may be reminded that a man of sluggish sensibility buys the fame of being "magnanimous" at a small expense. Louis XVIII was sometimes called "LOUIS LE FAUX." This epithet seems to have been obtained from two classes of his subjects; one of which charged him with the non-performance of pledges given to them

while they were companions of his exile: the other, with a gradual violation of those which were embodied in the Charter, and which accompanied his restoration to the throne. Between these parties, opposite as they were, and irreconcileable, the King had to shape a course of policy which it was not easy to execute, but which, we imagine, was easier to Louis in proportion to his habits of indolence, to the coldness of the better affections in him. and, at the same time, to an absence of the acrimonious and vindictive passions. A Prince of a more fiery character would either have quarrelled with his friends when they reproached him with the breach of his promise. or have given way to the Royal appetite for omnipotence, by wholly refusing a charter to his subjects, or by seizing the first provocation afforded him, through treason or intemperance, to overturn it. Louis XVIII did neither; his taste was pleasure-not power. He maintained a good-humoured intercourse with the adherents whose most sanguine hopes he had disappointed ... Upon the whole, he may rank in history as a Prince who steered with more than ordinary temper through circumstances complicated and new; and, as compared with the average of Bourbon Princes, he is entitled to a place in which few of the family can approach him.

Battle looms over public pay

A confrontation between unions and the Government is likely next year - whoever wins the election - after Kenneth Clarke's announcement that he was freezing the public sector pay bill for a fourth year.

The Chancellor told review bodies that rises for more than 2 million teachers, nurses, doctors, servicemen and civil servants should be smaller than this year's average of 4 per cent and would have to be financed through savings.....

Celibacy rules could be relaxed

The Roman Catholic Church's ruling that priests must be celibate could be relaxed, said Cardinal Basil Hume, the spiritual leader of the 4.4 million Catholics in England and Wales. He was supported by the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton..........Pages 1. 4

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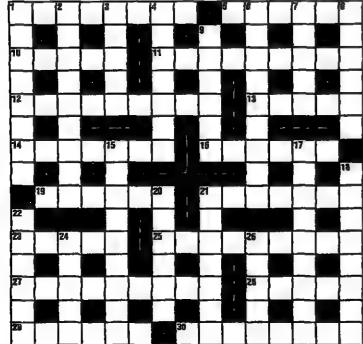
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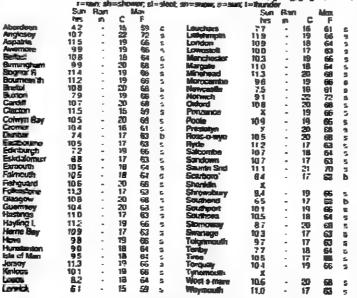
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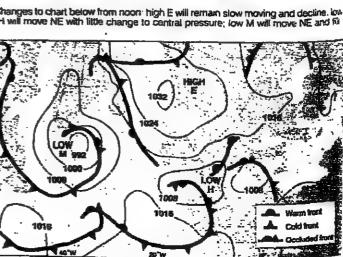
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Borrowing setback for Clarke

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Government borrowed £4.5 billion in August, a higher total than the City expected, raising concern that the improvement in public finances is worryingly

Borrowing in August took the cumulative public sector borrowing requirement to £13.4 billion in the first five months of the tax year, according to figures from the Office For National Statistics. This compares with £16.7 billion at the same

Just one month after the Government enjoyed a bigger repayment of corrowing in July, yesterday's figCity disappointed as total for August hits £4.5bn

ures came as a disappointment. Most City analysts believe that borrowing remains too high to ustify tax cuts in November although a majority believe that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will cut taxes anyway to raise the Government's political popularity.

The figure for August was flat-tered by about £400 million of privatisation proceeds, mostly from the sale of BT loan stock. Stripping out privatisation proceeds, borrowing in the first five months of this

almost unchanged from the £16.7 billion recorded a year ago. Coinciding with the latest borrowing figures was a call from the British Chambers of Commerce to cut red tape for business rather than

taxes, with the organisation arguing that consumer demand is improving and that there are underlying inflationary pressures. At the same time, the chambers called for public spending to be maintained in key areas such as education and transport infrastructure. David Richard-

SPICES

all, careful management of the economy must not be driven off course by political expediency in an

The Treasury was resolutely positive about yesterday's figures, saying that they were consistent with the Government hitting its PSBR target for this year of £27 billion. But City economists said that the Government's grip on public spending appears to be slipping as the general election approaches, warnings that found resonance in the Chancellor's

sector workers will have to accept lower pay settlements in the 1997 financial year than this year.

Central government spending has so far risen by 4.5 per cent compared with last year's level, against a budgeted increase of 2.9 per cent. Andrew Cates of UBS Ltd said: "The onset of a general election is unlikely to prove conductive to spending restraint through the rest of this year and we expect the spending picture to deteriorate fur-

is mildly positive. Receipts so far this financial year are up 6.5 per cent compared with the Treasury's projection for the full year of 5.3 per cent. Within total tax receipts, VAT was disappointing after the buoyant growth seen in July which appeared to reflect strengthening consumer demand and spending. VAT re-ceipts in August totalled £3.3 billion, about £1 billion less than last August. However, the picture may not be as negative as this suggests because the timing of VAT payments has changed. VAT receipts in

the first five months of the year were

still nearly 10 per cent higher than

the same period a year ago.

Pay battle looms, page Tesco pulls off sales and profit

spectacular

TESCO yesterday confirmed that it is still setting the pace when it reported strong ad-

cost it at least £20 million, the profits by 10.7 per cent to £321

In the UK, Tesco's like-forlike sales grew by 7 per cent, and volumes by 3 per cent. The company has seen even faster growth over the last five weeks, with volumes up by 4

One analyst described the like-for-like performance as pretty spectacular".

However, Tesco's shares fell 5 p to 297p as the City worried about the impact of its "unbeatable value" price pro-motion, launched last week. Tesco estimates the promotion, which promises to give customers back twice the difference if they can find prices cheaper nearby, will cost an initial £30 million, though this will rise if its rivals respond to

12.6 per cent to £6.3 billion.

and are now 52 per cent higher than three years ago. Sir Ian MacLaurin, who is due to retire as executive chairman next year, said: "A 52 per cent increase in turnover over three years is a pretty phenomenal average of the other three [J Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway) put together.

The Clubcard loyalty card now has 7 million users. Sir Ian said Clubcard Plus, the recently launched version with banking facilities, is also proving popular.

However, the group's profit margins have fallen back 0.3 per cent to 5.6 per cent almost all because of the petrol price war, according to Tesco.

Tesco has increased its interim dividend 6.6 per cent to 3.25p a share.

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Pressure

THE severe pressure on construction margins shows inie sign of relenting, Taylo Woodrow said yesterday. The building company has reduced its exposure to construction in the UK after project famine caused by the recession. Page 25

Shake-up

Senior British Airways managers will today learn how many jobs are to be lost as a result of a radical shakeup of the airline. Bob Ayling, chief executive, will tell a meeting of managers at Heathrow that the final figure could be about 5,000. Page 24

Sears plans four more Selfridges

SEARS, the troubled retailer, is to open up to four more regional Selfridges department stores on top of the new development in Manchester and the 200,000 sq ft of extra selling space in the Oxford Street store already announced.

Liam Strong, Sears's chief executive, said this was all part of move to capture the middle-class shopper. The further stores, which were unlikely to open before 2000, would be in city centres with large catchment areas, such as Glasgow or Birmingham.

The news came as Sears revealed a fail in pre-tax profits for the half year to July 31 from £29.9 million to £2.5 million. The drop comes largely because of the £25 million extra provision taken after the collapse of Stephen Hinchliffe's retailing empire meant that Sears had to take back 379 shoe shops sold to the Sheffield businessman. His businesses are now being investigated by

the Serious Fraud Office. Sears has now sold 165 of these shops and another 69 are under offer. The remainder are being closed at the cost

of more than 2,000 jobs. The shoe side had a poor half, with Sears admitting a like-for-like sales fall of 4.6 per

cent. Industry sources were bemused by these figures, as they believe that Sears's two main shoe brands, Shoe Express and Dolcis, had suffered falls in sales of 11 per cent and 14 per cent respectively. The Freemans home shop-

ping and Adams childrenswear operations also saw falls in sales, though this was blamed on poor market conditions. Mr Strong denied that Freemans was up for sale.

covery after a bad 1995 and the Selfridges business, which is starting to emerge as the jewel in the crown, had a 12.5 per cent increase in sales. Most City analysts are ex-

year of between E90 million and £95 million. Earnings per share were just 0.lp, down from 21.6p and the half-year dividend, payable on December 2, is un-

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changed at 1.05p.

Stylo, which recently bought the Hush Puppy chain from Sears, saw pre-tax profits in the half-year to August 3 increase £100,000 to £571,000. Earnings per share were 1.26p (1.24p) and there is no dividend.

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Liam Strong, left, and Sir Bob Reid, chairman of Sears, with some Selfridges products

P&O warning over **Eurotunnel threat**

By Alasdair Murray

P&O. the shipping company. said yesterday that consolidation on cross-channel ferry routes would have to take place quickly if the ferry industry was to survive competition from Eurotunnel.

Lord Sterling, chairman, said capacity would need to be cut by as much as a third on the Dover-Calais route. He added that P&O had

held talks with all its main competitors and was exploring avenues for co-operation. hinting that the company was looking to complete a deal before the end of the year.

P&O has been hit hard by competition from Eurotunnel. The company said that while total Dover-Calais traffic had risen 15 per cent this year, its own traffic had fallen and the route continued to incur losses. Group profits for the six months to June 30 rose 2 per

cent to £134.7 million, while

turnover increased 12 per cent Lord Sterling said the outlook for the second half remained difficult although he predicted the company would reap the benefits of reorganisation over the next two years. P&O is to buy the outstand-

ing 50 per cent of North Sea Ferries from Royal Nedlloyd for £25 million. P&O said it would combine the company with its existing operations in Felixstowe, resulting in cost savings of £5 million. The deal was welcomed by

the City, but analysts were more concerned about the future of the much larger Dover routes. The interim dividend was

unchanged at 13.5p, payable

on November 15. Pennington, page 25

SFO reviews evidence in **Barings** case

THE Serious Fraud Office (SFO) may extend its investigation into the Barings affair — 18 months after the UK's oldest merchant bank collapsed with losses of £830 million (Jon Ashworth and

Robert Miller write). The move shadows fur ther rule-tightening in Singapore, where Nick Leeson, the former Barings trader, is serving a six-and-a-half-year sentence for cheating and

deception. The SFO is reviewing evidence taken by the Commons Treasury Select Com-mittee earlier in the summer. It is not envisaged that charges will be brought. Separately, the Securities and Futures Authority is continuing disciplinary proceedings against four former Barings executives, including Ron Baker, head of the financial products group. Clean image, page 27

Mortgage lending at A&L down 47%

By Karen Zagor

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER, the building society that plans a stock market flotation next year, suffered a 47 per cent drop in gross mortgage lending in the first half of this year.

Peter White, group chief executive, said: "We were way

above our market share before in mortgages and there were some not very sensible pricing decisions being made by competitors. We decided we were not going to chase market share while going through conversion at the same time." Rob Thomas, building societies analyst at UBS, said: This is the reality of societies becoming plcs. They now have to think of shareholder value

throat mortgage offers." Although Alliance & Leicester's net mortgage ad-

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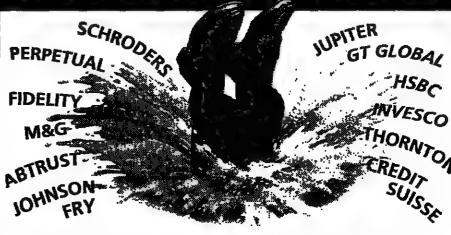
vances plunged to £113 million, from about £1 billion, the society said it had held on to its market share of 4.2 per cent of all UK mortgage balances. The society, which has been

coy about revealing details of its conversion, said that it expects to start mailing its transfer statement to members in November. The vote is expected in December. Alliance & Leicester's oper-

ating profits advanced 12 per cent, to £192 million, including £8.6 million for administrative expenses related to conversion. Mr White said conversion is expected to cost about £50 million, with £10 million spent on postage alone.

Pre-rax profits for the six months rose 12 per cent, to £183 million. Girobank, which the society owns, contributed £30 million, compared with E30.5 million a year earlier.

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A Bear market nets \$81m for five directors giving a return on equity of 26 per cent. \$200,000 a year. However, they are are getting \$19.5 million and \$19 IN NEW YORK Last year, Mr Cayne, 62, was paid a

FIVE directors at Bear Stearns, the Wall Street investment bank, are paying themselves a total of \$81.5

million for 1996, setting a new standard in a business already notorious for its high remuneration. James Cayne, the chief executive, receives a pay cheque of \$20.4 million while Alan Greenberg, the chairman,

million respectively. Alan Schwartz and Michael Tarnopol, two executive vice-presidents, earned \$14.6 million and \$7.7 million. Almost all the money is paid in eash rather than shares or

The pay at Bear Steams outstrips anything seen at rival investment banks this year. The bank's net income executives receive a base salary of more than doubled to \$490 million.

mere \$9.5 million and Mr Spector, 38. widely seen as Mr Cayne's successor, got only \$8.5 million.

Ironically, the bank instituted rule changes in 1992 designed to make it harder for top executives to win excessive bonuses. Most of the high pay packages are in the form of bonuses since the bank's

fortunate that the bonus element is linked to return on equity and not share performance. Bear Steams's shares have gained just 15 per cent over the last year.

Goldman Sachs plans to pay each of its general partners only \$5 million, much of which is retained within the firm, in spite of doubling its profits for the first nine of months of the year to \$1.9 billion.

Mace quits Vardon division

David Mace has resigned as executive chairman of the attractions division of Vardon, the leisure group. with a view to setting up a Spanish equivalent of Sea Life, its underwater theme park chain.

Mr Mace, who sold Sea Life to Vardon in 1992, is in talks to buy the group's newly opened attraction in Spain.

In the first half of the year, the group saw its pretax profits drop 22 per cent. to £1.82 million on sales up 29 per cent, at £29.6 million. Its shares fell from 108p to 8812p yesterday. An interim dividend of 0.45p (0.4p) will be paid on November 15. from earnings of 1.4p per share (2p).

Client growth

A spate of new clients including the Prudential and Granada boosted the pre-tax profit of Abbott Mead Vickers, the advertising group, by 35 per cent to £4.7 million in the half year to June 30. Turnover rose 16 per cent to £159 million and the interim dividend, payable on October 25. rises from 2.69p to 3.25p. Shares rose 14p to

UCM ahead

Universal Ceramic Materials earned pre-tax profits of £1.67 million (£1.45 million) in the half year to June 30. Earnings were 4.5p (4.2p) a share. The interim dividend is increased to 1.6p (1.5p).

Jarvis soars

Jarvis. the construction and facilities management company. reported pre-tax profits of £590,000 (£108,000) for the six months to June 30. Earnings rose to 1.3p (0.3p) a share. There is again no interim dividend.

Payout held

Automotive Precision Holdings, the manufacturer of high-precision components, is holding the interim dividend at 1.7p a share. In the six months to June 30 pre-tax profits fell to £2.7 million (£2.8 million) and earnings were 4.5p a share (4.6p).



Terry Twigger, left, and Mike Stacey wear protective jackets made by Meggitt that have been ordered by the police

Investment by Meggitt to double

LIGHTWEIGHT body armour and air-to-air targeting devices were among the products that helped Meggitt, the engineering group, to lift profits 47 per cent, to E11.9 million. in the six months to June 30

(Fraser Nelson writes). The group, where Mike Stacey is chief executive and Terry Twigger finance director, achieved growth in all three of its divisions. It said that it was now in a position to double its investment, and predicted a total of £20 milion would be spent of development by the year-end.

Overall, sales were 21 per cent ahead, at £132 million. Meggitt's electronics divi-sion was hit by the petrol price war. The company said that the consequent loss in profits could be £1.2 million. Esso. credited with starting the petrol price war, has placed a £3.5 million order with Meggitt to renew its own UK garage control instruments. An interim dividend of 1.35p (1.3p) will be paid on

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RAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services company, yesterday enjoyed a rare jump in its share price after a court dismissed most of a smoking damages case brought by the state authorities in Florida. BAT shares rose 232p to 4622p, compared with a year low of 422p. The shares are still 20 per cent below the year high of 585p, which they hit in February before the tobacco industry suffered a series of legal setbacks in the US. The company said the ruling meant that BAT and Batus Holdings, its US holding company, would not be liable for any damages awarded against Brown and Williamson, its US tobacco subsidiary.

The court also reduced the number of actions that the State of Florida could proceed with from 18 to three and ruled that each action must be tried separately. The news also boosted tobacco stocks in America, with Philip Morris up \$2.175 to \$94.175 and RJR Nabisco Holdings up \$0.75 to \$27.25. The tobacco industry still faces about 14 other class-action suits.

Telekom payout pledge

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM, the state-owned phone company that is to be privatised by the German Government this autumn, said it would pay DMI.5 billion in dividends to shareholders at the end of this year. The net yield could not be determined because the details of the flotation, such as the number of shares to be sold, are not known. But analysts said it was likely to be 4 per cent to 5 per cent - similar to other large telecoms groups. The company reported net income of DM130 million (DM700 million) in the half year to June 30.

Asda Property stake sold

MANNY DAVIDSON, founder and chairman of Asda Property Holdings, has sold 40 per cent of his family's stake in the company for £16.8 million. The deal, which took all of the shares to institutions, takes Mr Davidson's family stake from 35 per cent to 22 per cent. The shares were sold at 145p, against yesterday's closing price of 155½ p. In the six months to June 30. Asda Property lifted pre-tax profits to £5.07 million (£3.35 million). Earnings were 2.3p per share (1.5p). An interim dividend of 0.85p (0.8p) will be paid on November 1.

Olivetti at record low

SHARES in Olivetti tumbied to a record low of 465 lire in a wave of panic selling as the company scrambled to answer fresh questions from Italy's stock market regulators about the state of its finances. The sense of crisis was reinforced by news that Carlo De Benedetti, former chairman, and Antonio Tesone, chairman, are under preliminary investigation by magistrates in the company's home town of Ivrea. Francesco Calo, chief executive, is also under investigation. The magistrates suspect Olivetti may have issued misleading statements about its affairs.

Treats shares fall

SHARES of Treats Group, the iollipop maker that floated in June, fell from 134p to 100 ap yesterday after it said poor summer weather had left it unlikely to make a profit in its second half. Barry Thomas, chief excecutive, said that the group would make an overall profit by the year end. In the 26 weeks to June 29, pre-tax profits were 10 per cent down at £1.51 million. Earnings were 10.5p per share (11.6p). A maiden interim dividend of 1.5p will be paid on October 15.

Warning by Roxboro

ROXBORO GROUP, the specialist engineering company, saw £46.6 million wiped off its market value yesterday after a offits warning sent its shares down 83p to 230p. The grou lifted turnover to ESS.1 million (E45.8 million) in the first half. Pre-tax profits were flat at £8.01 million (£8.16 million), leaving earnings of 9.7p (10.2p) per share. An interim dividend of 2.2p (2p) is payable on October 30. The shares recovered slightly to reach 232 p.

Travis Perkins ahead

PROFITS at Travis Perkins, the supplier of timber and building materials, edged forward to £17.22 million before tax from £16.91 million in the six months to June 30. The increase was attributed to a live-month contribution from newly acquired BMSS, whose 26 branches have increased the total number of Travis Perkins outlets to 248. Earnings rose to 11.2p a share from 10.8p. The interim dividend is increased to 3p a share from 2.8p. due November 1.

Vymura holds dividend

VYMURA, the maker of wallcoverings, is holding the interim dividend at 1.6p a share after reporting a fall in pre-tax profits to £1.27 million (£1.84 million) in the six months to June 30. Earnings fell to 3.47p (5p) a share. There was a £308,000 restructuring charge. The company said there had been an encouraging start to the second half with sales for July and August well ahead of the disappointing levels in the same period in 1995. The shares rose 19½ p to 152½ p.

British Airways job losses likely to be limited to 5,000

By HARVEY ELLIOTT ME CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR British Airways managers will today learn how many jobs are to be lost as a result of a radical shake-

up of the airline. Worried staff had feared that up to 10,000 jobs could be axed as part of a reorganisation of the airline over the next three years. But Robert Ayling, chief executive, will tell a meeting of managers at

Heathrow that the final figure could be about 5,000, Mr Ayling will outline his

vision for "the second transformation" of the airline which, he claims, is essential if BA is to compete in the fast-changing international marketplace.

The managers, who will then hold departmental meetings to explain the changes to staff, will be told that the change made to the airline in the 1980s was a "textbook are rising faster than revenue. Growing pressure from low-cost airlines, such as EasyJet, together with the expected increase in competition at Heathrow from any "open skies" agreement with

the United States has meant that another reorganisation is inevitable, Mr Ayling will say. This will involve hiving off several parts of the airline, which will then operate either

the parent company or be sold entirely to outsiders. No firm details of which areas will go will be outlined today and it will therefore be impossible to give any firm job loss figures.

The changes, will include the development of new intra-European routes from next April, after the completion of "open skies" within Europe. and another major alliance with a Far Eastern airline. which will take three years to be fully implemented. Once

paint scheme, which will cost £60 million. Details of the new design are still being worked on, but BA wants to take on a global" identity. Hopes are rising within BA that the planned alliance with American Airlines will be approved by the Office of Fair Trading, opening the way to the signing of a general bilat-

reorganisation has been com-

pleted next year the airline will

be given a new logo and new

between Britain and the US. British negotiators have accepted that the US will never agree to foreign airlines being allowed to operate domestic services within the US. Butthey are insisting that US airline should not have "beyond rights" from Britain to

eral air services agreement

another country.

Although the talks are stalled. a behind-the-scenes deal is likely to be signed quickly once the OFT has given the go ahead to the proposed BA/AA link up.

at least partly attributable to

the growing awareness by

policyholders of their right to

Domestic & General hopes

to expand further in continen-

tal Europe, where its fledgeling business earned £53,000 in the first half. The

company said that the greatest

potential for expansion existed

40.25p a share from 33.36p.

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increased to 112.53p a share

from ION 62p. The shares were

unchanged at £17.95.

The total dividend rises to

in Germany.

USAir rules out role in alliance new combination would be

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

USAIR has signalled a deep rupture with British Airways. its 25 per cent owner, by declaring that it cannot be involved in the proposed partnership between BA and American Airlines.

The alliance is awaiting

regulatory approval in Britain and America. Stephen Wolf, USAir's chairman, said: "We simply do not believe we can be part of it." Although BA has said it does not plan to dispose of its stake in the company if its deal with American goes ahead, insid-

ers have speculated for weeks

that USAir's position in the

untenable. USAir regarded BA's attempt to merge its marketing efforts with American as a betrayal and filed a legal action in July seeking to sever itself from BA. Since then, communication between the two companies has virtually ceased. The rupture with USAir is a potential em-

as its plans to combine with American look increasingly rocky. Talks between the British and US Governments on a new "open skies" agreement have broken down for the time being. The BA-American deal can only proceed once the open skies question has been settied.

Insurer seeks to answer criticism

By MARTIN BARROW ration on policies, which was

DOMESTIC & General Group yesterday sought to answer criticism of domestic appliance breakdown insurance policies, claiming that consumer demand for cover remained strong.

The company, one of Britain's leading providers of breakdown insurance for domestic appliances, reported a 7.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £11.4 million for the Martin Copley, chairman,

said: "Instinctively, the public seems to understand what our statistical data confirms: namely, that with few exceptions the average electrical appliance is little more reli-able than five years ago. whereas repair costs have risen considerably."

Insurance policies covering domestic appliances have attracted considerable criticism because of their relatively high cost as a proportion of the total cost of the product and the difficulty consumers frequently encounter when attempting to make a claim

The policies have been the subject of an inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading. Mr Copley said that there had been a modest deterioration in the company's loss

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From Thursday 26th September, The Times introduces an exciting new Appointments Section. It includes First Executive, especially for graduates and young professionals in the early stages of their careers.

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RECEIVED wisdom has it that the big supermarkets, after years of overcharging us all for our basic needs, have been forced by "store wars" to cut back on their greed and hand over some of their loot to the shopper through lower prices. Received

wisdom is wrong on both fronts. Listen to this City analyst, asked if we can look forward to more price cuts in the run-up to Christmas. There's no net gain for anybody if all go in for wholesale slicing of prices in one category," he replied thus providing, one might suggest, a useful example of a cartel in operation. The supermarkets, for all the appearance of cut-throat competition, are still doing very nicely indeed.

First, the matter of their earlier "over-charging". British supermarkets have enjoyed margins well ahead of those in most other countries, heading for 10 per cent in the case of food sales at Marks & Spencer, the clear leader, because the shopper has been prepared to accept these in return for convenience. Next time you are in one, compare the price per pound of the readypacked vegetables and their loose equivalents. Then see which walk off the shelves first. Now to "store wars". Tesco, Sainsbury, Safeway and Asda between them control three fifths of all food sales, and in such a Pile it high, keep it dear

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market a remarkable unanimity of pricing is not hard to achieve. The fall in operating margins at Tesco yesterday, of 0.3 percentage points to 5.6 per cent, is almost entirely down to the war being fought out at the petrol forecourt, which is not a conflict instigated or desired by the grocers. For Tesco at least, those limited price cuts on food could be matched by cost savings

within the stores. We will have to wait until November, and their own in-terim figures, to see if Sainsbury and Saleway have managed the same trick, but the betting is they have. What has been happening is that certain bulk lines have had their prices cut, often by means of multibuys and other promotions. The higher-margin prepared stuff, where each supermarket can distingush its product from the other, has held its price. This pattern looks set to continue, with much-trumpeted promotions of selected lines this autumn rather than cross-store price-slashing.

Tesco has managed its remarkable resurgence by concentrating on peripheral details - its with-interest loyalty card and checkout packers, for example, which, experience suggests, will eventually become standard at the rest. It has gained market share, but November will show if the others

have too, at the expense of the

embattled independents. The

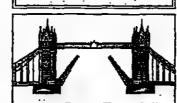
betting, too, is that they have. This increase aside, food retailing is a static, no-growth busi-ness, which is why Tesco and others are looking overseas. But what a business. Plenty of other retailers have skirted disaster; some have met it head on. But no one has ever suggested one of our leading grocers might go bust.

Penny-pinching on pensions

THE more politicians aim to rely on the private sector to provide decent pensions in the next century, the more the private sector shies away. Not us, guy, we can't afford it either. The latest painful evidence comes from a survey for the

Association of Consulting Ac-

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with up to 250 employees. It finds that there has been so rapid a switch from schemes paying a pension based on final salary to money-purchase investment plans that 60 per cent now have them and a further 23 per cent have group personal pensions, which also define contributions rather than retirement benefits.

In itself, that is no bad thing. Such schemes are less complex for small firms and fit an era of greater mobility. The trouble is that employers are taking the opportunity to skimp on pension costs. On average, employer and employee contribute a combined 8.2 per cent of pay, compared with 15.4 per cent for final-salary schemes. That is a "cut" of more tuaries of 468 small companies than 7 per cent. Even allowing

earlier stage. Oddly, there is an equal trend to special, more for membership of Serps, more common in money purchase schemes, there is a 5.6 per cent

contributions gap.

At this rate, claim the actuaries, people will be lucky to get 20-30 per cent of their pay in retirement, much less than the 40 per cent or more that final salary schemes usually intend to produce. It is not just small firms either. A recent survey of big companies by actuary Lane, Clark & Peacock found that some money purchase schemes were inadequate and that one FT-SE 100 company spends only 3 per cent of its payroll on pensions.

This is not an argument over the type of scheme but the scale of contribution. Unless some-body puts 10-15 per cent of pay in pension contributions, nothing satisfying is likely to come out the other end. the other end.

At the very moment when politicians are trying to talk down people's expectations of state pensions, realistic expectations of private pensions for the half of employees working for smaller firms are also falling. The trend is in the same direction for larger firms, though at an

so ensuring a downward spiral in prices. The situation goes against the normal rules of economics, because demand for cross-Channel travel is rising, up 15 per cent year-on-year.

The reason, of course, is the Channel Tunnel, which P&O says is using its enviable position as an effective bankrupt, free of the normal business disciplines. to cut tariffs. Pass on for a moment from the thought of a management that actually envies Eurotunnel's financial plight. because the complaint is at least partly justified. This is why the Government lifted a ban on cooperation between the two big-

gest operators, P&O and Stena.
P&O's purchase of North Sea
Ferries is therefore only the start of a sustained effort by Lord Sterling, who is aware he is living on borrowed time in the City, to pull around the ferries operation. Expect more moves on the Western Channel routes to Brittany and Normandy, and on the Hull-Scandinavia crossing. But first, expect a Stena deal in time for the end of the year

and next spring's brochures. This will not amount to a full merger. But a comprehensive stitch-up of the Dover-Calais run, and the loss of any number of older ferries, should be viewed benignly by the Government, so easing concerns over the attitude of the competition authorities.

Rush over new test lifts BSM

A nationwide rush to avoid the new written drivprofits at BSM, the motoring school, which turned in record results yesterday. Motor school revenue rose from £10.6 million to £11.7 million, but the company said pupil levels returned to normal after the introduction of the written test

After exceptionals, pre-tax profits were £2.92 miltion (£2.43 million). Earnings were 7.5p per share (6.3p), and an inter-im dividend of 2.53p (2.3p) will be paid on October 28.

Vale of tears

Golden Vale, the food company based in the Irish fall in first-half pre-tax profits. The company, which earlier this year paid Ir£3.1 million in milk superlevy arrears and later sacked its managing director, reported a 46 per cent fail in profits to IrE4.1 million. Earnings per share were down 54 per cent to Irl.9p. The interim dividend is maintained at Ir0.66p, payable on Octo-

Carlton coup

Carlton Communications is to supply 700 hours of programming to UK Gold. the pay-TV channel, in its biggest sale outside of the ITV market. The deal. worth £2.6 million, will give UK Gold access to Carlton's library of old programmes, including Crossroads, Boon, Spitting Image, Chancer and Freddie Starr. through the turn of the century.

Cassell dips

Cassell, the book publisher, is maintaining the interim dividend at 1.5p a share for the six months to June 30 in spite of a £639,000 pre-tax loss (£632,000 loss) after a £112,000 exceptional re-organisation charge. Losses were 9.1p a share (9p loss).

Cut in construction loss helps lift Taylor Woodrow 81%

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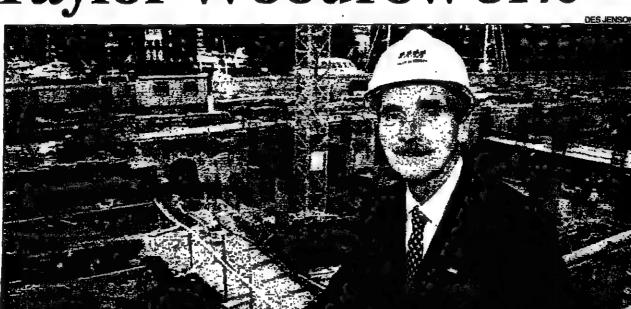
THE severe pressure on construction margins shows little sign of relenting, Taylor Woodrow said yesterday. The building and property

company has reduced its exposure to construction in the UK after project famine caused by the recession. It said it was now bidding for fewer private finance initiative projects and was likely to scale back further. However, the restoration of health to a number of divi-

sions boosted interim pre-tax profits by 81 per cent to £25.7 million. The interim dividend, payable on November I, rises 33 per cent to lp, although the company warned investors not to expect a similar in in the full dividend. Losses in construction were

reduced to £1.2 million in the £10.7 million in the first half of 1995. The turnround was largely fuelled by increased work overseas, while the UK continued to trade in the red. As part of its shakeout in construction Taylor Woodrow closed Myton, its specialist refurbishing division, at a cost of £2 million.

While international construction buoyed its less healthy domestic counterpart, it too has become a less lucrative area for the company



Colin Parsons says margins on international construction are under pressure because of increased competition

Colin Parsons, the chairman, said that mareins in international construction were weakening. Traditionally, it has produced profit margins of about 5 per cent but new players are bidding for work with tenders substantially below the usual rates, Mr Par-

The company is, however, hopeful of prospects in the second half and sees a modest revival in the UK housing market. David Green, finance director, said the upturn would translate into increased volumes before any firming of house prices led through. Also, land prices were rising

sharply in many parts of the country, adding to a squeeze on margins. A typical plot price has climbed from £18,000 at the end of last year

to £19,100 at the end of June. Taylor Woodrow's housing division pushed up profits 5 per cent to £9.6 million amid a mixed international picture.

expected to be announced before Taylor Woodrow's next results. Tony Palmer said yesterday that he would retire next year, after 43 years with the company and six years at the helm.

Savoy loses £5m as renovations lower occupancy

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

HALF-YEAR profits at Savoy Hotel were held back by the company's £62 million refurbishment programme which has resulted in overall occupancy levels remaining well below the market average.

generous, schemes for directors.

Their precarious legitimacy pro-

vides the weapon politicians will

need to use to secure adequate

contributions for the many.

Wanted: ferry to

wave a magic wand

THIS summer Brittany Fer-

ries, which plies its cross-Chan-nel trade only because of a running, and possibly illegal, subsidy from the French Gov-

ernment, decided to celebrate its

20th anniversary in a novel way.

For a while all fares were to be

pegged at 1976 prices. Then came

the snag. The prices were some

25 per cent higher in those days. It is hard to think of another

consumer product that has even

held its price in nominal terms

over 20 years of inflation. It is

harder to think of a more graphic

demonstration of the viciousness

of the cross-Channel price war.

The ferry operators are now in a

no-win situation where each is

pledged to match price cuts brought in by any of the others,

The company yesterday unveiled a 4.5 per cent rise in pretax profits to £4.4 million in the six months to June 30 but added that full-year profits would suffer because of continuing work at Claridge's.

The company said that its refurbishment programme had so far cost around £5 million in lost revenue.

Savoy also revealed that it had incurred costs of £550,000 during the Granada bid for year, with the company seeking to work out the implications of the bid for its future. But there were still no details on Granada's plans to dispose of its 68 per cent stake in Savoy, which it acquired with

the Forte takeove The disposal of the Granada stake has been complicated by the continuing control of voring rights at Savoy by the Wontner family through their 'B' share holdings.

Turnover increased slightly to £43 million despite 27 per cent of total rooms being closed for refurbishment. The yield per available room increased by around 30 per cent. Savoy said refurbishment work in most of the hotels was near completion, with that at Claridge's due to be finished next spring.

The company's 'A' shares rose 32p to close at £13.625. There is again no dividend. Tempus, page 26

BSG anxious to spin off **Bristol Street**

RICHARD MARTON, chief executive of BSG International, said that the company was Street Motors car dealership sooner rather than later (Alasdair Murray writes).

Mr Marton hinted that, with the car market improving, the company may choose to float the dealership rather ihan make a trade sale. Analysts predict Bristol Street could be worth around £130 million on the stock market. He was speaking yesterday as BSG unveiled half-year profits up 37 per cent, to £19.4 million. Turnover was up il per cent, to £476 million, while the interim was increased by 10 per cent, to 0.77p. payable on December 31. Shares rose 6½p, to 99p.

Channel 5 launch delayed

By Eric Reguly

THE launch of Channel 5 will be delayed by as much as six million because of the time required to retune the millions video recorders in the channel's newly enlarged cov-erage area. David Elstein, chief executive, said yesterday.

The expanded retuning effort will mean that Channel 5 will not start broadcastin until some time in the first half of February. The channel's owners - Pearson, Warburg Pincus, United News & Media and CLT — had hoped for a

New Year's Day launch. More time is required because of the Government's decision this week to give Channel 5 the use of second broadcast frequency for five years. This will add about 1.8 million homes to its transmission area, taking coverage from 74 per cent of the population to 80 per cent or more. He said the cost of the

retuning effort would proba-

bly rise from £100 million to El20 million. So far, video recorders have been retuned in 500,000 homes.

Mr Elstein also said he hoped to sign an agreement soon with BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, an associate company of News International. owner of The Times, to broadcast Channel 5 in areas that are beyond the reach of its terrestrial transmitters. This would give Channel 5 as much as 6 per cent extra coverage.

Warning hits Watmoughs

SHARES of Watmoughs (Holdings) fell 44½ p to 413½ p yesterday after the printing company reported a decline in first-half profits and gave warning of mixed trading conditions in the second half. In the six months to June 30 pre-tax profits fell to £9.62 million (£10.07 million) due to UK reorganisation costs of £1.14 million and strong

The interim dividend rises to 2.75p a share from 2.5p. payable November 8.

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Brent beats City forecasts

BY PAUL DURMAN sion, which looks after pack-

SHARES of Brent International rose 8½p to 107p yesterday as the chemicals and inks group comfortably

beat City profit forecasts. First-half pre-tax profits of £5.3 million, up from £2 million last year, prompted upgrades from analysts, who now expect the company to make £10-11 million this year. Brent is recovering from several years of declining profits.

The star performer was the

imaging management divi-

aging. New customers, including Nestle and Iceland, helped to push up sales 26 per cent to £15.8 million and lift profits from £800,000 to £2 million. Cost-cutting in the industrial chemicals business lifted profits to £2.5 million (£1.8 million) on sales slightly high-

er at £30.9 million. Keith Hutchings, chief executive, said the inks and coatings arm had turned down contracts because of

fierce price competition. Profits were modestly higher at £2.2 million. Brent is discussing new opportunities that will enable this business to grow. Mr Hutchings said: "Over the next six months to a year, we will carry on improving the quality of the business, being very tough on costs, and grow ing the business organically." Brent is raising the interim dividend to Ip a share (0.6p),

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BAT shares light up on court ruling in Florida

among the top 100 companies with a leap of 23p to 46212p after a court in Florida reiterated an earlier ruling that cases involving claims for tobacco-related illnesses brought before 1994 will not be heard. Tobacco companies and their shareholders who multi-million dollar claims from smokers for negli-

gence welcomed the news. The Florida court has also ruled that BAT can isolate its assets and those of Batus, its American holding company, from any cancer-related claims that its Brown & Williamson subsidiary may face.

BAT's share price has fallen from a peak of almost 600p this year since a court victory by one smoker and worries about similar claims. The US tobacco industry currently faces 14 state class actions compensation for medical expenses:

Elsewhere investors ignored Wall Street's strong performance overnight and the London market showed signs of running out of steam after its recent record-breaking run. A sharp opening fall on Wall Street last night, amid revived fears of a rise in US interest rates, convinced investors that London may have run far enough for the time being. But the market steadied itself to halve earlier fails, with the FT-SE 100 index ending 4.9 points down at 3,972.3 on turnover of 763 million shares.

Half-year figures from Tesco. Britain's leading food retailer, received a lukewarm reception from the City with the price closing 512p down at 297p. Pre-tax profits £36 million higher at £326 million were much in line with bro-

Tesco's performance also left the other food retailers lower with brokers clearly worried about the price war in the run-up to Christmas. Stories doing the rounds claimed Asda, 534p off at 103p, is about to launch a new promotion campaign which will put its rivals under renewed prespermarkets (ost 512p at 1621ap, and there were also losses for J Sainsbury, 9p at 36912p. Safeway 512p at 326 ap and Somerfield 4 ap at 155p.

A strong buy recommendathe broker, lifted BTG 5712p to £19.5212, while British Biotech was 812p better at



quarter figures.

P&O. which has just merged its container business with Royal Nedloyd, slipped Ip to 59312p after warning about difficult conditions in the second half. In the first six months pre-tax profits were marginally ahead, with the recent rationalisation unlikely to fil-

the doubt with the price marking time at 97p. Brokers say the group will benefit from the upturn in consumer spending. but faces an uphill struggle.

Dealers reported continued selective support for the other retailers with Harvey Nichols adding 8p at 34112p. Blacks Leisure op to 238p, French Connection 5p at 2421ap, and

A buy recommendation from Teather & Greenwood, the broker, lifted Silk Industries, the silk weaver and printer, 5p to 1172p. Its portfolio of designs and screens carries a balance sheet value that is a fraction of its worth to a competitor. Profits should rise this year from £2.35 million to £2.65 million.

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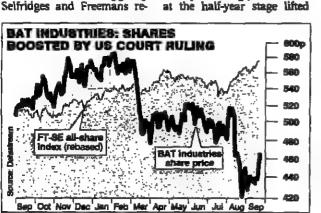
Taylor Woodrow failed to benefit from a near doubling of half-year profits and some positive noises about its construction arm, which is expected to return to the black this year. The shares finished 3p lighter at 173p.

Half-year figures from Sears, the struggling

Next 3p to 600p ahead of halfyear figures later this morning. These are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £44.1 million to £55 million. Profit-taking left Dixons 1012p down at 566p.

chemicals specialist, responded to better than expected firsthalf figures with a rise of 812p at 107p. A strong performance at the half-year stage lifted

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advertising agency. 14p to 595p. BSM Group. the car driving tuition group, closed a shade below its best of the year with a rise of 312p at 20112p after raising half-year profits by £500,000 to £2.9 million. A profits setback left Watmoughs nursing a fall of 4712p at 413p. The cost of

restructuring has cost the group £1.14 million. A drop in profits and a halving of the dividend left International, the money broker, nursing a loss of 21p at 66p, while Roxboro Group fell out of bed with a drop of 8012p at 23212p as

estimates for the full year. Treats, the ice cream manufacturer, saw its share price melt 34p to 10012p after warning that it was unlikely to make a second-half profit.

analysts downgraded their

Brokers shrugged off firsthalf losses from Cassell, the publisher, which ended the session 4p better at 76'2D. while Acorn Computer Group firmed lp to 22912p after more than halving the first-half deficit to £3.32 million. A sharp drop in interim profits left Claremont Garments 912p lower at 234p. A first-half drop in profits at Vymura was offset by a confi dent statement about trading prospects and the price rose

An increase in first-half profits at Sawoy lifted the shares 30p to £13.6212p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Attempts

at a rally after lunch proved short lived when US Treasury bonds kicked in with opening falls as fears about a rate rise were rekindled. US Federal Reserve sources were quoted as saying that three out of eight US banks were calling

for a rise in the discount rate. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished a couple of ticks easier at £1072732 having briefly touched £108316. The total number of contracts completed reached 59,000.

In longs Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished three ticks easier cent 2000 shedding a similar amount at £103232 in shorts. NEW YORK: A raily in technology and tobacco shares helped to cushion the fall on Wall Street as profit-takers moved in on renewed fears of an imminent interest rate rise. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 22.57 points lower at 5,866.63.

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TEMPUS

Strong arm tactics

THERE is a story of a man asking directions and being told: "I wouldn't start from here if I was you." Yesterday Liam Strong was heavily hinting that this was the problem with Sears. If you want to turn around a company, do not start from a position of 20 years of decline.

Mr Strong's argument falls down when one realises that he has taken a few wrong turns during his four years in charge: none worse than at British Shoe Corporation, where part of the slimming process involved selling 379 stores to a company that could not pay for them. This has delivered an extra £25 million provision and where is BSC? Mr Strong has a target of an operating profit of at least 8 per cent of sales, which would imply profits from that business of £30 million a year. But two years ago BSC was making profits of £38

And there you have the fundamental problem. The surgery Mr Strong is applying to Sears is merely dragging it back to where it was two years ago. That performance, Sears admits, was not satisfactory. Freemans is a decent player in an

overcrowded market. There will be a shakeout and Sears has to decide if it is a buyer or a seller. Selfridges has enjoyed a good recovery and there are ambitious plans to expand it into an upmarket department store chain. But is there a market out there for this concept? Sears needs a good Christmas merely to

give Mr Strong the breathing space to try and get the company on the right track. The shares are only worth buying if you think he can succeed second time around or somebody wants to launch the break-up bid the City has been expecting for a decade.

Taylor Woodrow

TAYLOR WOODROW is firmly in the "glass half-full" school of optimism. It has emerged from five years of ion in the UK a battered but more strategically minded organisation. It is, it believes, better placed to take advantage of an expected upturn in its UK operations while expanding its extensive overseas operations.

In spite of extensive efforts to hash the construction division into shape, the company nevertheless operates in a tough environment here and overseas. Razor sharp margins are here to stay.

Taylor Woodrow sees a flicker of life in the UK housing market but emphasises that early reports of its recovery are exaggerated. It will be ready to increase hopefully prices. But it also

faces a squeeze from rising land prices.

Internationally, construction margins are also coming under the cosh as new players zoom into developing countries with bids too cheap to refuse. Construction is still well and truly in the doldrums at home. A scarcity of projects has been exacerbated by the Private Finance Initiative, the Government's programme to pump private finance into public infrastructure schemes. The PFI is largely loathed by building groups for adding delays and uncertainty to an already shaky sector.

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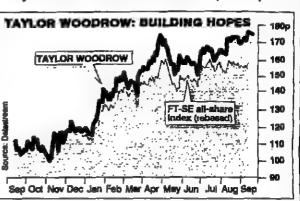
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Taylor Woodrow may be setting its house in order but it is hard to see how the future will be as rosy as it hopes.



Savoy Hotel

DRAGGING the Savoy Hotel into the 20th century, even at this late stage, was never going to be an easy task.

The company is still beset by the uncertainty of an archaic share strucutre with control of the company resting with the Wontner family. in spite of Granada controlling nearly 70 per cent of Savoy's share capital.

Ramon Pajares, the highly rated managing director, has also had to tread carefully while streamlining and refurbishing the company's

The difficulty has been deciding which quirks actuold hotel chain and which may be charming but are costing too much money. The result has been that Savoy has kept its bed manufacturing business, for instance, but sold off the chauffeur hire

The closures for refurbishment have, as expected, hit

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results, costing about £5 million in lost revenue in the first half, and will continue to hold the company back for the rest of this year. But the company believes that underlying occupancy has increased and, if all rooms were open, would at least

match the market average. The Savoy has a strong brand value, which has often in the past been undermined by poor management. But shareholders would probably be wise for now in following Granada's lead and sitting tight for the

Brent International

AFTER several faise dawns. Brent International finally seems to be on the road to recovery. Management's attack on costs has enabled the chemicals and inks company to deliver a surprisingly good set of interim

Problems remain. De-

mand is weak in continental Europe, which provides 40 per cent of group sales. And the inks and coatings business is facing aggressive price competition.

The good news is that management is aware of the need to re-establish Brent's credibility and is reluctant to take any unnecessary risks.

Imaging management. which helps its customers to design and produce their packaging, is growing strongly and looks well set for the future.

If Brent can make £11 million this year, that would give the company earnings of 8.9p a share. That outs the shares. up 9 per cent to 107p yesterday, on a multiple times. Bargainhunters have already chased shares off their 1996 low of 71p.

Although Brent has completed its restructuring, the company could still cut costs by another t0 to 15 per cent over the next few years. Though not for the cautious.

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Millwall boss comes clean

NEWS from out West where Peter Mead, joint chairman of Abbott Mead Vickers, BBDO, the advertising agency, was spotted in Kew, with police tailing the bumper of his Aston Martin Vantage.

On his way home from a football match in Peterborough in the early hours of the morning. Mead was stopped and accused of "straddling the cycle lane". Refusing to step outside his monstrous vehicle. Mead declared that he had not touched a drop of alcohol for a month. When the police suggested that they thought he was hidsomething. Mead came clean: "Yes, I am. I'm chairman of Millwall."

Money to burn

BRITISH GAS launched an investigation yesterday after admitting that it had sent a customer in York 12 letters confirming the date of a central heating checkup. Sylvia Dunn, of Copmanthorpe, near York, was flabbergasted when she received the mountain of mail in response to her request for confirmation of the service visit. "What a complete waste of money." she complains. "They cost a lot in postage, but you can only imagine what they cost in administration." British Gas says that it is treating the case as a matter of urgency, but the inquiry is probably too late for Mrs Dunn, who plans to cancel her £112 service person instead



MacLaurin office

A SECTION of Tesco's

staff is on the move to a former ICI building in Welwyn Garden City. The supermarket group has spent E18.5 million on the 110,000 so it offices in Shire Park rather than knock down Old Tesco House, which is across the road from the current offices used by the staff in Cheshunt and which Tesco had intended to rebuild from scratch. Word has it that the new building will be named after Sir Ian MacLaurin when he stands down next June. But where will the rehoused staff buy their prawn and avocado sandwiches at lunchtime? Welwyn Garden City offers only a Sainsburys or

On the ball

A HAT trick for Chris Wright, the boss of Chrysalis and nouveau sports mogul, whose three teams came good last weekend. Wasps in Rugby Union. OPR in football, and Sheffield Sharks in baskethall, were all winners. Alas, none of Wright's racehorses were running, or he could have secured a clean sweep.

Kaye role

MSL the recruitment advertising and executive search husiness, which is to be listed on the Alternative Investment Market this month, has announced the appointment of Michael Kaye chairman of M&C Saatchi, as a non-executive director. MSL was acquired by Saatchi & Saatchi in 1984 and bought out of Saatchi in 1992 by Garry Long. MSL's current chairman. So the Saatchi connection

continues . . .

Women's leaders set out new agenda for action

Philip Bassett

on a drive to win manifesto commitments

on equality

constitute just under half of Britain's workforce. Forecasts suggest that women workers will form a majority early in the new century. Business is - slowly - adapting to that. So, too, is politics. But Britain's main women's organisations today are pressing for faster change and, in particular, clear commitments to equality issues in

Kamlesh Bahl, who chairs the Equal Opportunities Com-mission (EOC), is making the economic and business impact of equality a central part of the overall case for equal treatment - at work, in the home, in general.

Moving round the circuits of the CBI, chambers of commerce, and governmental and women's networks, she strives to ensure that equality issues are not relegated to the economic margins, but are seen as crucial to business and economic life.

Today the EOC and the Women's National Committee (WNC), the official independent body offering advice to the Government on women's issues, go one step further.

In issuing a new national agenda for action, they challenge the main political parties to include in their election manifestos firm commitments on equality within the framework not just of social justice but of economic efficiency in terms of improving Britain's economic performance and its

international competitiveness. Liz Bavidge, co-chairman of the WNC, says: "Studies show that it is the way women vote Kamlesh Bahl agrees: "Our message to the politicians today is: ignore this agenda at your peril.

Economic equality, particularly in the workforce, is a still new aspect of the relationship between business and politics. but women's leaders insist it is

a central one. in the general election in 1992, for example, women's votes held largely steadfast, showing a swing of only half a



Women have made progress in the workplace but the pace of change in equality is a key issue

percentage point from Conservative to Labour, while men showed a 3.5 per cent swing.

Wornen - who now form 51' per cent of the electorate showed a clear Conservative preference: 44 per cent of women voted Tory, as against cent of men voted Labour, against only 34 per cent of women. The Liberal Democrats polled 18 per cent among

research by the Fawcett Society, a pressure group, shows that women now vote in larger numbers than men and that the majority of floating voters are female. The society says that 23 per cent of women have not yet decided how they will vote at the next election, compared with 16 per cent of men. Among those who voted Conservative at the last election, twice as many women, 12 per cent, as men are

now undecided about how to

Faced with such facts, the OC and WNC are targeting political leaders and local constituencies about a range of equality issues based on a set of ten policy papers that the two organisations are publish-

ing today. Although some of the issues are primarily social - women's participation in decisionviolence against making. women - most are determinedly economic, in line with the EOC's new thrust: the cost

and the benefits to employers

their approach from John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown. Labour is giving thought to combining the EOC with the

of, for example, childcare,

EOC and WNC leaders are

careful not to align themselves

with any particular political

party and are prominently

displaying endorsements of

education and training.

Commission for Racial Equality and other bodies in a new equality commission, but some Conservatives have always found the EOC and similar organisations too interventionist and regulatory for their tastes.

Among the more contentious areas being proposed by women's leaders is action on

trying to bridge the pay gap between men and women. which sticks stubbornly at about 20 per cent.

The two bodies are making their usual and long ignored call for a rationalisation of legislation on equality issues. Business would agree rapidly

some politically charged is-sues. For example, the EOC and the WNC endorse the

principle of a minimum wage - supported by Labour, op-posed by the Government -

as one important method of

to some of this. Maternity rights under law, for instance, are currently governed by 18 different pieces of legislation under three entirely different government departments.

But business is likely to be less happy with calls for the political parties to commit themselves to "equal rights and protection for all workers, irrespective of their patterns of work or status".

The Government is opposed to such blanket treatment and is bracing itself for what it expects will be a defeat shortly in the European Court on the

48-hour working week.

And although John Smith, the former Labour leader, pledged the party to precisely such a commitment, key union leaders are convinced that the new leadership is trying to abandon it - putting the EOC and the WNC beyond the current Opposition.

amlesh Bahl insists that such differences on particular points of policy are precisely what the new pre-election exercise is trying to show not to score any political and. particularly, not party political points. Instead the aim is to try to draw from the main parties policy proposals and commitments on equality issues that will both allow women, and men, to inform their electoral choice fully and allow the EOC and the WNC to demonstrate which policies offer most for equality in terms of its contribution to economic performance and competitiveness.

When the two groups, and the EOC for Northern Ireland, which is also promoting the campaign today, get their findings in three to four months' time, after meetings all the party leaders, they say they will publish the results. testing against how they will best marry equality and economic issues

Kamlesh Bahl says: "It's not our job to make a recommendation to women, or men, on how they should vote. But the voting patterns of women in particular have been recognised by all the political parties as a factor, that will make a difference in the election of the next government."



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Why Rubin is wrong about EC stability

ot many Europeans tious speech at the Democrat convention, Ron Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary, fired a shot across the bows of the Community. European poli-cies, he said, were in danger of becoming excessively deflationary, and a threat to world growth. His target, all (and as the Finance Ministers about to meet in Dublin are aware) was not the struggle to achieve Maastricht convergence (which America is trying to treat as a purely internal folly) but the proposed stability pact to follow EMU. This would make fiscal restraint not just an exam crisis, but a permanent commitment deflate, or else.

Most analysts seem to agree with Robin: but though a clumsily drafted stability pact could be a threat to growth, the idea that fiscal restraint always means recession is wrong. Rubin should know this the US is enjoying one of its longest upswings while reducing the Federal deficit faster than anyone thought possible; Japan remains in recession despite a huge fiscal injection. The trouble is not that the conventional wisdom fiscal policy controls grawth, monetary policy controls inflation — is grossly over-simplified. It is perverse.

Look at inflation, for a start. This has fallen - again. faster than forecast - in every advanced industrial country; and central bankers are sickeningly self-satisfied about it. But did they have round the world, and you will see every kind of central bank policy: strict targeting er in Parls, seat-of-the-pants In London, pragmatism in Washington., and reckless monetary expansion in Tokyo. No central banking triumph there.

Structural change and global trade, then? Yes, in the US and Britain: but across the Channel (and still more in Japan) trade remains partly protected, and structural reform has hardly begun. But nearly all these countries do have one thing in common: a planned fiscal work in countries with inadequate growth. Japan, the exception, has suffered a financial collapse, the most powerful of all deflators. So what might a future historian conclude? Surely that, barring nasty accidents, it is fiscal rather than monetary policy that governs inflation. And if he contrasts the policles of the Fed and Bundesbank, he may also conclude that it is monetary policy which determines growth. In short, the reverse of the conventional wisdom. And Enoch Powell, who argued that government bor-rowing is the sole source of

inflation, was right all along. The reasoning behind this is common sense: businesses borrow to expand: consumers plan to repay; but governments just borrow. Only they, in the long term, add to demand, but not to supply. which is inflationary. That was the Lawson philosophy; and though he forgot to guard against financial speculation, it is basically sound.

id Polonius, then – "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" lay down the Golden Rule? Not quite; for as is shown by the US, success depends not just on restraint, but on balance. If high taxes are balanced by cheap credit. (a vote of thanks to Alan Greenspan), you can hope for investment-led growth. But where central bankers remain wedded to sadomonetarism, a fiscal squeeze means recession. The plennie seems to have dro the Bundesbank, though dreadfully late in the day; but there has not yet been any ing" in the European Monetary Institute. That could mean Euro-scierosis, in good camesi

So are Rubin's fears of Euro-drag justified? Very possibly; but he was not the right man to voice them. The warning should have come not from the Treasury Secretary to other finance ministers, but from Alan Greenspan to his smug counterparts at Jackson

Singapore plays on squeaky clean image to win tourists

ingapore is often villified as the ultimate Big Brother state — and not without reason. The flow of information is tightly controlled. Littering and smoking invite stiff fines. The feared cane, the rattan, is ready to mete out punishment to offenders, Nick Leeson, the rogue Barings trader, could hardly have picked a worse place in which to conduct his illicit trading activities. The Barings affair caused

deep embarrassment in Singapore, as much for the suggestion that local supervision was inadequate as for the emphasis placed on the state's authoritaranism. With a new book on the debacle threatening to open old wounds, officials have enbarked on a further round of rule-tightening.

Trading on the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex) has come under closer supervision, and links with foreign regulators. notably the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), have been strengthened. The discovery of irregularities at Morgan Grenfell and Jardine Fleming has prompted a further review of fund management systems and controls.

But Singapore's desire to control extends far beyond the realm of media and commerce. Its new target is the future - and the millions of tourists forecast to visit Asia in the next lew years. Authorities have launched a E140 million promotional drive, aimed at positioning Singapore as the business and tourism hub of South-East Asia. As always,

little has been left to chance. Tourism worldwide is a \$3.6 trillion industry, employing 255 million people, and accounting for 10.7 per cent of world GDP, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council. By 2006, tourismrelated jobs are set to top 385 million, in an industry worth

rated \$7) trillion — 11 5



pore is anxious to tap in to this growth industry, boosting tourism revenues, and shifting the balance away from its traditional high-tech manufac-

The first stage involves boosting Singapore's charms as a destination. As a city state, it cannot begin to compete with the jungles and beaches of Malaysia, Thailand and Bali. What it can do is play on its squeaky clean image, offering a safe and efficient place in which to start one's visit.

The idea is to transform popular areas such as Chinatown and Orchard Road into thematic zones", refurbishing disused warehouses, and playing up Singapore's historical roots. Transport and entrance

fees will be covered by a single Singapore Tourist Card. Aaron Hung, regional UK director for the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board (STPB), maintains that Singaexperiences" elsewhere in Asia. Mr Hung said: "Being hassled by touts at the airport can be a memorable experience. Losing your wallet can be a memorable experience."

He added: "Singapore has had a reputation for tearing things down. We realise that in the process of modernising Singapore we did tear down several buildings, but, in the last few years, the emphasis has been on restoration rather than demolishing things."

r Hung said there is an increased emphasis on co-operating with neighbours, in an effort to boost tourism numbers - "co-operation", as it has been dubbed. An example is Bintan Island in Indonesia, 45 minutes away by catamaran, where Singaporean and Indonesian money is funding a range of joint-venture resorts. The STPB intends to take on

sure groups through tax breaks and other incentives. Efforts are ongoing to persuade European companies to choose Singapore for their regional Asian headquarters.

Convention numbers will be boosted through a 60,000 sq ft convention centre. The number of cruise ships calling at Singapore is racing ahead ship calls increased from 143 to 986 between 1990 and 1994 - and the harbour terminus is due for expansion.

Can they pull it off? Singapore predicts visitor numbers will increase 6.5 per cent per annum over the next five years, lifting arrivals from seven million this year to ten million by the year 2000. Tourism receipts are forecast to rise from \$\$12 billion to S\$16 billion over the period. More than 70 per cent of Singapore's visitors are from within Asia and sheer demographics might carry the day.

Continuing substantial growth

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Tumover	£116.6m	£94.6m	23%
Operating profit	£11.2M	£8.6m	30%
Profit before tax	£11.3m	£8.6m	31%
Profit after tax	£7.1m	£5.3m	34%
Eamings per share	11.4p	8.9p	28%
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- Pre-tax profits up 31% to £11.3 million
- 23% growth in Group turnover virtually all organic
- Group operating margin up from 9.1% to 9.6%
- Netherlands strong growth continues: tumover up 32% to £79.8 million
- UK improvement gathers pace: profits up 78% to £1.7 million Average staff numbers 2880, up 26% on same period last year

On the outlook for the remainder of the year, CMG Chairman Cor Stutterheim said, "The Group performance since the end of June continues to be very satisfactory and the principal markets in which we operate remain strong. Having delivered good results in the first half of the year, we are confident that the second half, traditionally CMG's stronger half, will enable us to deliver very good results for the full year. We remain well placed to benefit from the strong growth anticipated for our industry in the years ahead."

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THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Exporting the vulgar touch

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Why shock-jock radio fails to find British listeners

Razor? - which says that the Simplest solution is usually the right one. So it's easy to answer two sour questions posed in last week's Broadcast magazine by someone back in Britain after 15 years in American radio.

Why, if there are 50 stations in New York City, does London have room for only 20? Also: why is British radio so dull?

The first answer is easy, if in two parts. New York has more stations because it does not lie 30 miles from France: Belgium and Holland. And its radio stations do not aim for national coverage. Thirty miles into the sticks and they're gone. In Britain, the national networks have a commitment to universal coverage. London frequencies cannot be re-used in Oxford or Dover.

The second is no problem, either. Any-body else's radio is dull. Switch on the dial anywhere away from home and be astonished at the wooden jokes, the dreary music, the graceless presenters and the parochial news that other audiences lap up. It's one of the reliable pleasures of travel.

Radio, in particular, is a matter of habit. To feel included, you have to know the people — who's new and who's just been sacked: the running gags, the story behind the news. Otherwise, you feel left out, way out.

Perhaps the returned traveller just does not know where to tune. For controversy, he should try The Archers. (I must deciare a lack of interest. Such is my aversion to this programme's phoney folksiness that my hand switches it off before that terrible tune reaches the third bounce.) But I know that other people care deeply and that the issue raised about the supposedly feminist PC Archers goes straight to the heart of the national maiaise. Is rural England now a land of unwed mothers, violent racists and aromatherapists? Or is it still populated by statwart food-producing families who de-bate the merits of sheep dip at table?

But, the charge continues, the duliness of British radio comes from excessive regulation. That one is worth thinking about. Something is wrong, Latest audience re-search figures show that national listening is dropping steadily. The current weekly average - 20.3 hours - is about (we hours a week less than in 1977, even though there has been an explosion in commercial radio. Never have there been so many and such varied stations to listen to.

The obvious answer is, just as it is with television, that the increase in choice simply fragments the available audience, which has

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ion irritates or bores, it is easier to slam in a cassette or to dial the Internet than to bother with another station.

Blaming the regulator just will not do. Beyond a doubt, the Radio Authority is censorious. It cracks down hard on titillation and tastelessness. In 1994 it fined Kiss FM £10,000 because a caller to a programme gave a candid description of having sex with her dog. Last year it twice hit Talk Radio, the new national commercial talk network, for £5,000, for the verbal indiscretions of Caesar the Geezer. And it keeps off the air the kind of proselytising religion which, in America, makes heady listening even for the immune. But the Radio Authority is just doing the job Parliament handed it. Strict regulation is

popular, which is why shock-jock radio is agreed to have failed. Talk Radio draws only half the audience size of Classic and Virgin. Now committed to a more thoughtful approach. Talk is in the hands of its third owner

in 17 months. The manifest truth is that there is no Gordon Liddy or Russ Limbaugh held back by puritanical regulation from shouting their insult and invective into British air. The British ear does not welcome that kind of verbal brutality. Nor, more's the pity, the kind of protection for free speech

that would allow it. American shock radio is the product of the First Amendment and anomie. The American Constitution prohibits the very kind of ban - on offensiveness, blasphemy and personal attack — that Parliament requires the Radio Authority to Impose. Its vast polygiot and disparate society demands shouting to get any attention at all.

here are more subtle cultural differences. British humour does not specialise in the short and sharp gag. No one can argue that the "New Labour, New Danger" packs anything like the punch of "It's the economy. stupid". On the other hand, British comedies do not fall back, as the brilliant Larry Sanders Show (an American satire seen three times a week on BBC2) does all too often, on characters telling each other to go and perform basic acts upon themselves.

Perhaps the furore over The Archers does prove that Britain is suffering from an excess gentility. On the other hand, from across the Atlantic comes the comforting news that British editors are accused of coarsening New York's literary scene. Maybe all's well then. Maybe Britain has not lost the vulgar touch but is merely exporting it.



DETERMINED to prove they are not the stuffed shirts we all believe them to be, those enlightened chaps at the Foreign Office recently decided to try to acquire the popular

A young FO press officer was duly seconded to Lynne Franks PR, that with-it public relations agency, to hang loose and learn about life in the real world. The secondee, ever keen to immerse himself in common culture, even attended a function hosted by ITV for the Manchester United v

Juventus match. However, within minutes he demonstrated that the Foreign Office has a long way to go before it emerges from its fossil into 1996. "Who's that man?" he asked pointing at the celebrated comedian, TV personality and star of the



Jack Dee: "Who he?"

ments, 'Jack Dee, "It's Jack Dee," said a fellow partygoer.
"Never heard of him," said our man before stalking off in the direction of the vol-au-

• TREVOR McDONALD. the charismatic ITN newscaster, is evidently flavour of the month at the moment. As well as being announced as the host of the ITV National Television Awards next month, he has been invited to be the anchorman for Setting The Pace, the unveiling on September 23 of ITV's 1997 programme schedule for ad-

vertisers and agencies.

League of names

keep him sweet. McDonald is being headhunted by both BSkyB and the BBC as a news frontman and, to retain his services. ITV has promised to broaden his portfolio. But whether this was the

reason McDonald was chosen to conduct the recent "gushing" interview with John Major and not Michael Brunson. its political editor, would be mere conjecture.

reveal why ITV are so keen to

Cabinet decision

THE troops at The Sunday Telegraph are about to start smartening up their act. Management, tired of seeing a sea of denim every Saturday when staff turn up for work in casual gear, has decided to put its foot down. memo has been circulat-

ed, instructing all editorial staff that they must wear formal suits for Saturday shifts as normal - they might, for example, have to dash out and meet a Cabinet minister. The news has not gone

down well with staff and they imagine that their Editor. Dominic Lawson, may well share their disappointment. Mr Lawson has become notorious for sporting a snazzy collection of rugby shirts on Saturdays to office glee. TALENT and good taste do

not necessarily go hand in hand, as Nigel Kennedy, the spiky-haired violinist, recently showed over the birth of his new son. Mr Kennedy, a passionate supporter of the Aston Villa football team, desperately wanted to show his love by naming the infant after



Kennedy: What to call baby?

He was torn between two names: "Paul", after the veteran defender Paul McGrath, and "Holt", after the Holt End at Villa Park. His wife, Eve Westwood, solved the dilemma by declaring that the child would have these names over

her dead body. The boy has now been named Sark.

• TIMES are certainly achanging at Express newspapers, nowhere more so than in the political department Staff, awaiting the execution of 35 redundancies and smarting from seeing the Sunday Express and Daily Express technically merged into a seven-day operation, now suspect the hand of the papers' owner and Labour peer Lord Hollick in its political coverage. Lord Hollick this week insisted that though . he was a committed Labour supporter, he would not seek to influence the papers' politics. The Editor would do that. he sold The Guardian.

Still, die-hard readers of the Tory Daily Express must have choked when they saw its lead headline vesterday morning. "Labour is Good For You." it screamed above a splash story that read like a Walworth Road press release. Neither the left-wing Daily Mirror nor The Guardian found Tony Blair's speech to businessmen at London's Guildhall worthy of the splash.

"Our values are now sunposed to be small 'c' conservarive." said a confused staffer but capital 'L' Labour would be nearer the mark'

Rolling phones drive gathers Moss



Kate Moss: "real communication"

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the Mercury One-2-One ads, due to

start at the beginning of October. The mobile phone company has recruited Kate as its new face after a complicated history with a series of female celebrities, including Beatrice Dalle and Jaye Griffiths, formerly of The Bill.

The TV. press and poster campaign created by Bartle Bogle Hegarty hinges on the theme of "real communication" and "having a one to one" with someone, according to a helpful insider. It forms part of a huge £30 million marketing drive for the brand this year and marks One-2-One's biggest ever campaign.

To judge from the budget, it sounds as though Kate could be an even more expensive telecom ad star than Bob Hoskins. But then, she is a lot prettier.

TALKING of Hoskins, his supposed successor, Billy Connolly, has emerged as the new frontman for

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British Gas. The Scottish comedian was, until recently, in protracted talks with BT to replace the chirpy Cockney. NatWest bank also flirted with the idea of hiring him, but Connolly has finally committed himself to an 18month campaign to promote the new British Gas credit card.

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Science – or fiction?

Television shows about the supernatural are under attack. reports Maggie Brown

he hypnotist Paul McKenna and his team of producers are currently scouring the globe for the strange and perhaps true phenomena which make The Paranormal World Of Paul McKenna an

But the seven-part series scheduled for next year is being assembled in an ugly atmosphere. In the past few weeks the scientific establishment has been lining up to debunk the growing public appetite for what it calls manipulative programming. such as Strange But True, with Michael Aspel, Out Of This World and Secrets of the Paranormal, which are uspping into the same credulous "need to believe" vein as The X

Television is under attack for elevating the need to entertain over the scientific necessity to carry out stringent tests. The suggestion is that if properly controlled experiments were conducted, most phenomena would crumble.

Leading the attack is the formidable Professor Richard Dawkins, of the Public Understanding of Science group at Oxford University, who says that "the Universe is quite odd enough to need no help from pseudoscientific charlatans". His point, and it is a good one. is that "paranormal claims must be treated with scientific sæpticism".

He mocks an incident in a recent BBC! Out Of This World episode when Carol Vorderman spent a night alone in a haunted hotel and felt "pretty spooky in one room, that was abnormally cold". He says that mind readers should be kept apart in sealed rooms when being tested and the soles of their shoes checked for radio

The director-general of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Dr Richard Pike, wrote to The Times this month pleading for television to adopt a more scientific approach.

McKenna's producer Michael Latham, a former editor of Tomorrow's World, has decided, for his protection, to record on video the background to the experiments that will be shown in edited snippets. He defines these as happenings which fall outside normal experience, and scientifically inexplicable events. Telepathy, healing, reincarnation, ghosts, poltergeists, the ability to move objects without touching them - all these events define this odd, but always fascinating territory, which television has blundered into.

But Latham knows he has to tread a thin line. He has to filter out the confidence-tricksters while preserving the element of mystery which makes these programmes toprated. More than 40 per cent of viewers watched last Friday's Strange But True with Michael Aspel, for example.

The new McKenna series will show. Latham says, "remarkable scenes of healing" when people in their twenties (the young apparently heal the fastest) with grotesquely swollen, arthritic knees rise and walk. Then there is a "Uri Geller mark 2" - a Frenchman who can bend metal bars of aerospace steel even when

7 ven an unashamed

Sixties liberal can sometimes find that

he has become an ageing fuddy-duddy. Until last Thursday I had never heard

of Oasis and I sat up with a



they are placed within glass tubes, by concentrating like crazy. Last, but not least, is a group of people called remote

Remote viewers? These Americans are set the challenge of meeting the presenter on a certain day and at a certain time, but at no agreed place. The rendezvous has been achieved, to general astonishment, and captured on film. The "remote viewer" drew a picture of where to

Il these are the sort of incidents which are the bread and butter grammes about the paranormal that show no sign of fading from the schedules. Paul Corley, the controller

of factual programmes at the ITV Network Centre, responds to the critics, which also include some worried television executives, by saying that these programmes are popular, and that scientists are being a bit po-faced.

Recent discoveries, such as the potential proof of life on Mars, underscored the widespread belief that scientists do not know everything, and that much of the mystery of life. including religious belief, is unexplained and beyond the traditional disciplines of rational science, he says.

Richard Simons, who has risen to become Controller of Programmes at the ITV company Meridian after successfully spotting the paranormal

point. There are few factual programmes which work as popular ratings-pullers across the genera-tions, certainly no straightforward science programmes.

And he completely repudiates the idea that this genre exploits gull-

viewer is bright," says Simons, but is attracted to programme ideas which chime into the soul-searching created by the new millennium. There is also a huge growth in published research on the paranormal. Giles Oakley, head of BBC community programmes — which made a series of pro-grammes called Secrets Of The Paranormal in which a faith healer described how he was really a 2,000-year-old Egyptian — says he has been shaken by the vitriol his series

provoked. Jana Bennett, head of BBC science programmes, which paired Gillian Anderson of The X Files with Future Fan-

tastic, has said it is a mistake to debunk people's propensity to believe. Yet even sympathetic scientists are alienated by what is being done on television. Dr Richard Wiseman, of the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield, runs a

normal. He is in-"Complete rubbish. The consultant in most of the paranormal programmes. He was the resident sceptic on Out Of This World and showed that the apparent haunting of a woman by a loth-century farmer (who left sages on the computer in Old English) was a hoax. He says that Professor Dawkins has a point "I'm not as

damning as him. But some of

these programmes are full of the most god-awful science. The fact is these shows know the big viewing figures come from saying this is genuine. "I've found that pro-

gramme-makers are receptive of proper controls, if they are sold properly. Equally, scientists don't understand how to get their message across to eight million viewers."

Professor Bob Morris, who occupies the Koestler Chair of Parapsychology at Edinburgh University, is even more dismissive. I started watching these programmes and then stopped. We try to do respect-able scientific research. These are just driven by ratings and entertainment.

What the current debate shows is that the cultural divide between scientists and arts-based generalist culture remains as deep as when C.P. Snow pinned it down in the

And that while millions tune in to these programmes there is no sign of a new generation nted by modern David Bellamy and David Attenborough-style communicators, anywhere on the horizon. Whose fault is that?

one on "Fifteen secrets your girlfriend keeps from you". Counting skills are clearly a big asset for readers of FHM. Literary types looking for a little variety from the TLS might fall hungrily on the magazine Maxim. But Maxim is not, as you might

ing qualities, such as a warm nature, healthy teeth, and a winning smile. Breasts like But isn't this what we expect from Playboy and Penthouse, men's mags like GQ and Esquire which are supposed to be helping us chaps lead a fuller life by offering the latest

on literature, restaurants. clothes, health and finance? Frankly, if it's nipples you're after, shouldn't you just be reaching a little higher up the shelves? I mean, if you're such a wimp of a man that you are too embar-

> 'Can't these girls afford frocks or a T-shirt?'

October's issues of the top men's titles have enough breasts on the covers to keep Jack Nicholson busy for a month.

ditors of men's maga-

zines seem to think

that they can put any

old beautiful woman on their

cover, and the entire male

population will automatically

drool, which is simply not

true. Men are more complicat-

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GQ's cover girl is Gossard bra model Sophie Anderton, who, forsaking the legendary Wonderbra, poses in a much ple-baring, diaphanous bra. This is a teaser for several pages inside on which Sophie who appeared on billboards around Britain in June with the ad line "Who says a woman can't get pleasure from something soft" is starkers.

Also every one of GO's cover lines has a nudge-nudge to it "Living How to move in, move out and move on", "Tony Curtis still likes it hot".

Turn to the though, and you'll be either disappointed or relieved to find that the magazine is fat with fine writing about J.G. Ballard. Bosnia, the contin-uing curse of heroin, an interview with Tony Curtis, all massaged into shape by Angus MacKinnon, its clever and civilised Editor.

Call it a sales con, call it desperation or call

perplexing. Esquire, edited by the accomplished Rosic Boycott has always boasted that it has not joined its rivals in rushing to ape the success of Loaded.
And it is true that it often has cover photos of big Hollywood names, such as Robert De Niro and Nick Cage. But for October it is offering Ulrika Jonsson, or rather "Ulrika goes on top". Again, once through the magazine's front door the reader trips over reams of writing on the arts, sport, travel, the return of chain gangs in Alabama, even the Bombay underworld.

But wait: there are also confessions of a voyeur and an interview with Kimberly Hefner, Hugh's wife, with some underwater boob shots. FHM - or For Him Maga-

The serious men's glossies are following their rivals in a rush to titillate the reader, says Joe Joseph zine - carries a busty cover picture of bra-clad Yasmine Bleeth (can't these girls afford frocks or a T-shirt?) and an inside article on "Fifty mistakes you make in bed" and

> assume, a literary journal rippling with pithy adages by Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw. Unless, of course, Wilde came up with "Yes, Yes. Oh yes! Be her best lover

> Other Maxim articles investigate "One man's holiday on a sex commune" (the title George Bernard Shaw almost chose before settling on Man length of Michelle Norkett's legs, the girl in the

Häagen-Dazs advertisements. Now the point of Esquire and GQ was that they weren't Playboy and Penthouse. They were for men who knew girls, who didn't lock themselves in the bathroom with the October centrefold. Scared by the success of the

laddish Loaded, some men's magazines have grown more piggish — without necessarily going the whole hog. But monthlies like Maxim and FHM have rushed in where GQ and Esquire feared to tread. Sex helps to sell these to men who are too shy to buy something stronger.

Nineties Man hasn't go time for magazine foreplay: he likes to flick throug quickly and then doze off. So the argument goes. He still likes to read about sex and to stare at Michelle's legs and Sophie's chest, but he likes to swot up on Louis de Bernières

The publishers of these men's magazines say they are appealing to all men's instincts, including their sexual appetite. But if you are going to move nipples out of Mayfair and Men Only because male readers like staring at nipples, it seems only sensible to insert a few nipples into The Economist. Punch and Angling Weekly. And can you imagine how many more people on the 18th floor might subscribe to Forbes or Business Week if they carried a Gillian Anderson centrefold







Maxim: leading lines

Oasis split shock: what's the story, morning broadsheets?

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

'Mind

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start when the BBC's Nine O'Clock News ran the story about Britain's most famous Tony Blair's plan to sever the pop group as its fifth item. I link between Labour and the was still more surprised next unions was the main story of day when the story featured the day, with The Indepenprominently on the front dent opting for the Gulf. All, ages of The Times. The Daily Telegraph. The however, made Oasis their Guardian. The Independent second stor At The Daily Telegraph, and even as a footnote in the deputy editor Sarah Sands

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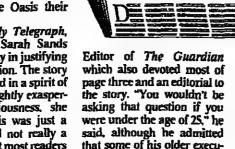
and the roles of Liam and

Nor did Alan Rusbridger.

Noel as its ambassadors.

Financial Times. had no difficulty in justifying Yet the editors of Britain's broadsheets are all serious the Oasis decision. The story men whose main ambition is had been treated in a spirit of to sell more newspapers in nonplussed, slightly exasperated mock-seriousness, she the world's fiercest newspaper market. Most, moresaid. Yes, Oasis was just a pop group and not really a over, are succeeding. With proper story but most readers
— and their children — had the solitary exception of The Independent, sales of all the heard of them and would broadsheets in August were want to know what all the up on a year ago. Nor were their decisions fuss was about. That spirit of mock-seriousness extended

on the Oasis story lightly made. It is on their front pages that editors display their news values and their sense of what interests readers. It is also where they are ruthlessly judged by newspaper buyers the next day.



that some of his older executives had been puzzled by the display given to the story. When, as The Guardian had reported, 5 per cent of the British population had applied for tickets to the Oasis concert at Knebworth, they were obviously newsworthy. The decision was easy for the tabloids. The split made

three pages in the Daily

Mirror and five in the Daily

Star, although the Daily Express and Daily Mail ran only plugs to inside pages. Both led on Tony Blair (an increasingly common habit in the Daily Express).

Stuart Higgins, Editor of The Sun, who devoted eight pages to the story, including a poster on the centre spread. was not at all surprised by the attention that the broadsheets devoted to Oasis. "They are a cult — the new Beatles," he said. "Everybody wants rock'n'roll rebels. Phil Collins and Chris de Burgh wouldn't throw a ham sandwich at a donkey but Oasis have brightened up our lives.

boys."
One of the best articles on

the reasons for all the fuss was written by Decca Aitkenhead in the Independent on Sunday, who argued that Oasis were the first superstars the present generation could call their own: "If you are under 30, you

face the following problems. L Your parents are insufferably smug about the brilliance of their youth. They had, as they will remind you, John Lennon, Mick Jagger and Jimi Hendrix. 2. To date, your generation has come up with Simon Le Bon, Gina G and the Smurfs. 3. Your parents doubt that you will still be singing along to Stock, Aitken and Waterman songs in 20 years' time. 4.

You suspect they're right." So the editors defend their decisions convincingly, although some older readers

probably remain uncon-

vinced. Yet newspapers cannot survive unless they constantly renew their franchise with the younger generation. Newspaper sales have been declining since the war, but I doubt that any generation of editors this century has been under quite such pressure to reverse that trend and to push up sales. That competition is made

all the fiercer by the selfevident fact that the younger generation are used to getting their news from radio television. They have been reared on visual images, in the age of the soundbite and of jazzily designed magazines. Unless editors anticipate and react to the trends of the times, newspapers can quickly seem oldshioned and boring.

ew of the critics, more-over, acknowledge that newspaper readers die. If one in 20 of its readers dies every year, The Daily Telegraph needs 50,000 new buyers simply to stand still. All editors want young readers to feel their newspapers speaks to them as well as to the oldies. That is why Oasis featured so prominently on the front pages last week.

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High ideals, low ratings: Radio 3's problems have not

changed much in 50 years, says Richard Morrison

lers, producers and announcers

whose mutual hatred is exceeded

ho would begrudge Radio 3 its 50th birthday bash? Well, for a start there are all BBC TV executives. They can't fathom why money is spent on an audience which is sometimes so sparse that it can be quantified only by physicists trained to observe very small particles, Even Lord Reith once said that the old Third Programme was "a waste of a precious wavelength". And he was one of the BBC's good guys.

Then there are the politicians and journalists who whine loudly, predictably and disingenuously about public money being spent on anything vaguely highbrow. And, in comic contrast, there is the platoon of discontents who think that Radio 3 isn't half as highbrow as it should be, and certainly not a patch on the intellectual glories that came marching bracingly across the ether in some dimly remembered golden age, generally located in the late 1940s.

True, this platoon is on the small side. But it has been ferociously trained by Brigadier Bamber Gascoigne and Corporal Gerald Raufman to lob epistolary grenades at The Times whenever a Radio 3 Controller dares to shift his pro-

grammes round a bit. Who else? Well, millions of classical music fans express their feelings about Radio 3 by tuning to Classic FM. So I guess that they won't be draping the bunting round the wireless on September 29. And others will be looking at the celebrations planned for the day. noting a programme in which "Peter Hall, Antonia Fraser, George Steiner and Brian Sewell recall the impact of the Third Programme on their lives and careers", and making plans to go deep-sea diving that weekend.

only by their contempt for their successors. And if you think that this is a gross slur on eminent broadcasters, you haven't read Humphrey Carpenter's new history of Radio 3. The Envy of the World (reviewed in The Times tomorrow). No wonder that the present Controller, Nicholas Kenyon, guipped to the press last week:

6 While Radio 3 survives, an unfashionable idealism also survives ?

"I have done my best to die before this book is published."

So will anybody be celebrating Radio 3's birthday — apart from Sir Peter. Lady Antonia, old Uncle George Steiner and ail? And, more importantly, should they? I don't know the answer to the first question. But to the second I give a resounding yes, and I surprise even

myself by typing that word.
For years I found the tone of Radio 3 hopelessly complacent, smug and condescending: a snobby club with an upmarket juke-box. Now its tone is fine, but it is having to engage in a desperate struggle with Classic FM for the attention of middle-brow music-lovers that it should have captured in the 45 years when it had no competition. For failing to go even halfway towards meeting the needs of that huge potential audience, it has to go

mishaps, it is also a story of noble intentions. And I shall celebrate on September 29 because, while Radio 3 survives, a particular strain of unlashionable idealism also survives. It is the idealism which holds that the arts should have a place at the centre of any civilised society. and that only broadcasting can achieve this.

That idealism was strong when we were "building the peace" after 1945. What is horrifying is how quickly it waned. Far from heralding a golden age, the Third Programme was in crisis a year after it began. Doubis that were to return again and again were already being aired. Too many items smell of the dust of a don's study." the Daily Express said in 1947, when the Third's audience was down to two listeners in every thousand.

Bizarre tricks were soon being tried to lure people to the Third. Benny Hill was engaged for a connedy programme. Dance bands rubbed shoulders with Bertrand Russell. Marilyn Monroe was ap-proached to play the title role in

Lysistrata (sadly she declined).

And the whole debate about whether radio had a future as a "serious medium" or simply as aural wallpaper - a question which is now seen as central to the Radio 3 v Classic FM battle — was already simmering in the 1960s. Benjamin Britten called the loudspeaker "the enemy of music". But William Mann. The Times music critic, declared officially that Mozart and Haydn would not turn in their graves if their music was used to accompany household chores.

Of course there were famous early triumphs: a five-hour production of Shaw's Man and Superman that "riveted-listeners to their chairs"; Dylan Thomas, drunk yet majestically articulate, staggering Yet if Radio 3's history is a tale of House to record some priceless if venerating a totem pole. That was role now than ever before. Its ratings won't go up unless all those Dame Judi Dench and Juliet Stevensor

This was their finest hour: Dylan Thomas broadcasting for the Third in 1948, overseen by the veteran producer Douglas Cleverdon

script, and then posthumously giving the Third Progamme its greatest night. Under Milk Wood: premieres by Beckett, Pinter. young Stoppard. And there was surely a buzz in the Sixties, when William Glock used the network to revolutionise British musical life. and the poetry producer George MacBeth gave airtime to Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg.

But what is depressing about the Third's history is how rarely it did generate that buzz. Whenever the network is threatened, the great

as true in 1957, when Eliot. Vaughan Williams and Olivier stormed into Broadcasting House to complain about cuts, as it is today. But do they tune to its programmes? In 1974 Radio 3's Controller discovered that even his own staff didn't listen to Radio 3.

If it didn't exist, would we invent it today? Probably not. We wouldn't have the nerve or the vision. Yet the need for a sane, cultured, horizonwidening antidote to the ephemeral jabber of our cluttered airwaves has never been greater. Radio 3 is

presenters sound like cheerful enthusiasts, not supercilious undertakers. It has largely rid itself of the generation of producers who recycled their PhD theses as "programme ideas". And it does now believe in publicising its choicest morsels, rather than concealing them lest they attract what someone once called "the wrong sort of

audience". But to prosper, Radio 3 must first survive - and the three most important things needed for survival in the modern BBC are ratings, who admire it in theory actually listen to it in practice. Just telling people that it is the "envy of the world" isn't enough. And anyway, that useful tag is now decades old.

On September 29 Radio 3 devotes the day to its 50th anniversary celebration Hosted by Humphrey Carpenter the day includes live concerts, discussions, ar chive recordings, premieres, and the classic 1957 recording of Beckett's All

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linkages of plot are lost as the action You can order any of the above illustrated Johansens guides or the two CD-Roms by calling moves from Yorkshire to Transylvania and back again. Instead of solid theatrical construction we get cheap tricks; the loud knocks at the door, the swirling mist, the

CHANGING TIMES

Stockhausen's alien craft magine that beings from another planet have musically reflected in twinned melodies that often move in contrary motion.

L picked up a television broadcast of a play from Earth. The signal is badly corrupted: not many of the characters can be made out, almost none of the text, and whole scenes have been lost. Still, the beings decide to put on their own performance of what they can piece together. Their drama, like the original, lasts for three hours, but the only characters are a man in flowers, and a king, all moving through elongated ver-sions of the scenes that could be partly deciphered: Ghostly Apparition. First Self-Communing and so on.

This is approximately the impression made by Stockhausen's Freitag, the fifth opera to be completed of his Licht cycle, which had its first performance last week. Each of the Licht operas so far has had less plot than the last, and Freitag's main action is pared to a few moments. Friday is the day of temptation, and the day also of Eve and Lucifer. Eve is persuaded by Ludon, an emanation of Luciler, to bear a child by his son Kaino. Meanwhile, the theme of miscegonation is played out on another plane by 12 couples (human. animal and insnimate) represented by dancers, and there are troops of children who. although doubtfully fixed to the storyline, contribute liveliness and charm.

FOR someone who professes to be a man

of the theatre. Christopher Gable sure has

a funny way of showing it. His new

production of Dracula, a joint effort with

Michael Barren-Pink for Northern Ballet

Theatre, seems intent on breaking funda-

mental theatrical laws - like telling a

The story should be no problem: Bram

Stoker's Gothic romance is full of poten-

tial drama and colour. But it's the way

Gable tells it. He and his collaborators try

to cover so much narrative ground that

they never alight on one character long

enough to focus our attention effectively.

The staging is also a muddle. Charac-

ters are not properly introduced; how they

relate one to the other is unclear, and

Choreography does not seem to be

much of a priority either, so little is told

good story and telling it well.



Dancers add to the sung message of Stockhausen's Freitag

thing from outer space is intensfied by the continuous electronic music on Leipzig Opera tape, and in par-

ticular by that component of it which was and basset-hornist (Suzanne presented in the Amsterdam lanetarium last year as Weltraum: a two-and-a-halfhour meditation on a few notes, most prominently a high E flat. Recorded passages of musical love-talk, featuring the voices of the composer and Kathinka Pasveer, are added to this when the couples appear, and the electronic

music is also the **OPERA** dium which sup-Freitag ports the soloists on stage: three aus Licht singers in the

> plus flautist (Pasveer again) Stephens) as shadows of Eve. This almost amniotic bathing of electronic music, the slow motion and the presence of children, all link the new opera with Montag, the segment of Licht that was principally Eve's and concerned with birth. But Freitag is distinguished by its pairings, and by how those pairings are

named roles.

The melodies avoid, often by

slowness, any conventional expressive effect: such things as the love scene or Eve's aria of repentance are big musical moments but psychologically null. This is Stockhausen's way. Each of his operas is an instruction, not in how to feel. but to listen: hence the importance of instrumentalists as stage performers and the motif - emphasised here by the children - of education,

In Leipzig the joy of the children was infectious, and a great lesson in how the very young can relish the challenge of new music. Less happy, though, was the division of the cast into white la blondewigged Eve, with pale children in pastel blue) and black (Ludon, Kaino and more children all made up as stage Africans), with a strongly implied connection to the cycle's central metaphor of light and darkness. It is not enough here

to be naive.
The vocal soloists all commanded the necessary statu-esque manner and effortless delivery. Angela Tunstall was the angelically bright Eve, and Nicholas Isherwood the stentorian Ludon. There was also excellent work from Uwe Want (director), Johannes Conen (designer) and Johannes Bönig (choreographer).

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Undead not at all well

DANCE

Dracula Alhambra, Bradford

through the act of dancing. What little there is alternates between the serviceable and the drab, and even the homoerotic duet between hapless Jonathan Harker and his mysterious Transylvanian host evinces no stirrings of a movement language. Philip Feeney's commissioned score is a pastiche of Hollywood's back catalogue - the spooky woodwind writing of cheap horror flicks, the lush strings

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of black-and-white weepies. Yet again, the designer Lez Brotherston proves the most adept of the creative team (he has been responsible for several NBT productions). Dracula's dark, musty castle, with its subversive red lanterns, is wonderfully

evocative and quite glamorous in its way. The performers of Northern Ballet Theatre are fine actors (which is to Gable's credit), but one would like to see them dance, too. Denis Malinkine was tall and impressive as the opening night Dracula, although shamefully under-used. Between whooshing around in his red cape and stalking after his prey. Malinkine didn't have much scope to take

command of the ballet. Omar Gordon as Harker suffered the most from underdeveloped characterisation, but Jayne Regan (Mina Harker) did get to grow as the night wore on. Charlotte Broom was lovely as Lucy, and Jeremy Kerridge scarily believable as the mental patient. Mr Renfield.

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VISUAL ART

Facelift: the National Portrait Gallery takes the wraps off its revitalised new rooms



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Johnny Mathis cruises and croons through a night of exactly what you might expect THEXITIMES



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VISUAL ART: Isabel Carlisle reports how an architect's designs have transformed the third floor of the National Portrait Gallery

Victorians cast in a better light

etting architects loose in art galleries is not always a that creating a new interior actually makes it more difficult to look at the art.

The National Portrait Gallery's third floor has been taken to pieces and reassembled by the architect Piers Gough over the last year and, far from being an intrusion, it is a huge success. What used to be a stuffy, dingy display of Victorian portraits has literally had the light let in on it. The windows of the original 1896 building have been uncovered and, for the first time in a long while, there is natural daylight in the galleries. Those forbidding Victorians look noticeably more benign, and their transformed rooms are such a pleasure to be in that I intend to strike up a

The first thing that you notice on entering is not a painted portrait but a plaster cast of a large fulllength statue by William Theed of

Richard Cork continues his daily series on the glories of the British Museum's magnificent Mysteries of Ancient China show

GROUP OF SEVEN SERVANT FIGURES

THIS delightful cluster of painted wooden figures was excavated in

1975 from a tomb at Fenghuangshan, Hubei province. They belonged

to a group of 23 servants, discovered alongside horse-drawn carriages and ox-drawn carts. The lady boried there must have

enjoyed considerable wealth. According to an inventory of the tomb

goods, written on 74 wooden strips, the servants all performed clearly

defined roles. The first in line is a male guard or supervisor, clasping a halberd with hands obscured by his long sleeves. Behind him is a

female servant arrayed in a flowing orange outergarment, and the woman beyond her is a special confidante of the mistress. The smaller woman behind her had a more modest status. To judge by

their axes, spades and hoes, the last trio worked on the lady's estate.

The group reveals the descending order of rank within the social

■ Mysteries of Ancient China, sponsored by The Times, is at the British Museum to Jan 5. Admission £5; bookings on 0171-420 0000

TOMORROW: A Lamp in the Form of a Tree

structure of the Han period, dating from the 2nd century BC.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in Anglo-Saxon dress. Look beyond that to the end wall of the entrance. corridor and you see three shelves of plaster busts of Victorian worthies, painted black to look like bronze, including Tennyson, Napier and Parnell Sculpture has at long last been brought out of the closet and given an equal promi-nence with painting.

The integration of sculpture with painting is even more evident in the long central corridor. There, white marble busts on specially made carved wooden brackets project about a foot from the wall on either side and, looking down the length of the corridor, create the vista of a sculpture gallery. It is only once you are standing in the space that you see the busts alternate with oil portraits,

Throughout, partitions from the 1970s have been cleared away to reveal the 19th-century interiors. Any space gained has been used to reduce crowding rather than to

shimmer of silk, in various combinations of shot colours, lightens all the rooms and bestows something of the atmosphere of a drawing room. It is particularly sumptuous in the "Turn of Century" room, there the walls are in iridescent shades of yellow, blue and green. Standing in this room and look-

ing back into "Late Victorian Arts" you notice another new and theatri-cal feature. Portraits are angled out from the walls on adjustable brackets in such a way that dialogues are set up between rooms and between portraits. So the decadent illustrafor Aubrey Beardsley (painted by Jacques-Emile Blanche) gazes through the door at Gwen and Augustus John and past a whole wall of Sargent portraits. Henry lames among them. A room on the First World War

and a massive group portrait of Some Statesmen of the First War by James Guthrie separate the earlier displays from the later jup to 1960). Beyond this is the 1930s extension given by Lord Duveen, and a gallery previously used for temporary exhibitions. This room holds the greatest and most delightful surprises. Double-sided glass "wails" break up the space and allow it to be hung thematically but, because the panels are transparent, themes such as art and politics link in unexpected ways: looking past the portrait of Churchill by Sickert you see the selfportrait of Dame Laura Knight painting a nude model.

urving painted steel pedestals, one at the end of each glass wall, hold sculpted heads. Maurice Lambert's bronze head of Sir William Walton looks across to the aluminium cast of a bust of Dame Edith Sitwell: her poetry famously combined with Walton's music in Façade. There is a glass wall of five Bloomsbury portraits and, elsewhere, the bronze head and gestur-ing hands of Sir Thomas Beecham nave deen attached to a glas! appearing to float in space.

The original trigger for this new display was the need to upgrade lighting, fire prevention systems and electrical wiring. Money for this has come in the form of grantin-aid from the Department of National Heritage. The cost of the more visible changes was met by the profits of a travelling exhibition called Treasures of the National Portrait Gallery that made five stops in Japan. This is the first material change to the galleries for which Charles Saumarez Smith, the director of the National Portrait Gallery, has been responsible. It will change our perceptions and make the gallery a far more accessible and enjoyable place to



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Laughter lines

CLUB members are invited to meet members of the the cast of Cash on Delivery, the latest highly polished vehicle from the Cooney farce production line, after the performance at the Whitehall Theatre on

September 30. The play, about the shenanigans of two young men trying to defraud the Department of Social Security, is written by Michael Cooney and produced by his father, the famous Ray. It stars Bradley Walsh and Nick Wilton, together with long-standing Cooney stalwarts Brian Murphy, Frank Thornton, Jean Fergusson and Anita Graham. Top-priced tickets £18 (normally £22) for the 8pm performance. To book, telephone 0171-369 1735

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Misty in the Fifties blinded by beauty, aesthetics is my middle name". The band augment the usual gui-

POPULAR MUSIC: Johnny Mathis, Totó La Momposina and Celina González, and Nervous

enough to deter Johnny Mathis from retelling the Nativity story in When A Child Is Born. The ladies wielding bauquets in the front rows of the Albert Hall clearly approved, and Mathis is too

seasoned a pro to ignore their Yet you cannot help feeling that if he followed his own inclinations more often, his concerts would be a lot more rewarding. As it is, both physically and emotionally, he remained locked in Fifties romantic idol mode for much

There were some inspired detours along the way. Let The Good Times Roll called on all the resources of an underutilised brass and reed section. Mathis strutting across the stage and broadening his voice into a full-blooded, Joe Williams roar. Manha de Carneval, gently sung in Por-tuguese, blossomed from wordless interplay with his faithful guitarist Gil Reigers.

of his show.

CHRISTMAS may be three

months away, but that is not

Mathis's boyish reserve sets him apart from the glossy, fast-talking Vegas pack. A shame his diffidence extended to interrupting his performance, as ever, for a guest

FOR reasons which are all too familiar, Colombia has acquired a less than pristine image. So the Barbican's minifestival, Colores de Colombia. came along at an opportune

moment, putting music and dance in their rightful place. When the singer Toto La Momposina appeared at the South Bank last summer she celebrated her African heritage in a joint concert with the Swahili vocalist, Remi On-gala. For Sunday's finale she switched her attention closer to home in what amounted to

thing but nothing.

Their greatest assets are the

strength of the material writ-

ten by frontman Justin Travis.

and the sheer versatility of

their playing. Travis has a

gritty, rootsy voice equally at

ease on the melodic acoustic-based Father's Son or the

rocking Me I'm Different. His

melodies ramble seductively

around country, folk and rock

idioms while his lyrics are

version of the exiled Celia

After a stark solo set dominated by insistent motifs played on the coarse-toned gaita flute and a battery of drums and percussion instruments, La Momposina came close to being upstaged in the second half. Gliding onto the stage for her guest spot, González stoked up an unashamedly melodramatic selection of Cuban son, that compelling offshoot of Spanish romanti-

cism set to an Afro pulse. -Though she cannot rival Cruz for sheer physical presence, her stark, declamatory voice does not lack for power. Her new album La Rica Cosecha (Rich Harvest) betrays few signs of age or fatigue. In the space of a few minutes the venue was transformed into a replica of a frenzied Havana dance hall.

sue seller outside the Borderline was shouting "Read all about it - Nervous, the new. Oasis." Indeed, the current issue of the magazine does carry an article wondering if this eight-piece band from Camden are the natural suc-cessors to the lovely, cuddly Gallagher brothers.

Thankfully they are not. In any case the old Oasis, it seems, are not going away, if only for reasons of filthy lucre, and Nervous are a long way from Britpop. In fact the band look more towards America for their influences. A rash of fine notices for their debut album, Son of the Great Outdoors, tried to pigeonhole their warm rhythms. Such names as Van Morrison, Crowded House and the Waterboys were thrown about as influences. One reviewer, in his desperation to hang a label on the band, called them "Celtic/country/rock fusion-

Crimes Trial Edited by Richard Norton-Taylor "Tremendous evening ...the theatre at its best as a moral force"

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tars, keyboards and drums with mandolins, pedal steel,

clarinet and harp, energetic

and laid-back in equal doses.

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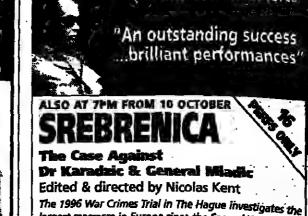
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A daily guide to arts

compiled by Gillian Maxey

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Frank Finlay plays the title role in Ronald Harwood's The Handyman

VENUE: In preview at the Minerva, Chichester

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onic Hall Hope Sheet (0151

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THEATRE: Ben Jonson's social satire set in the future; plus a musical bereft of hummable tunes

Broad, brash and farcical

editions of Ben Jonson's Alchemist you find the words: "scene, London". The programme for the production that Birmingham Rep is mounting in collaboration with the National Theatre adds: "time, the future". But if you think this means that Jonson's conmen have become computer whiz-kids pulverising Martian businessmen via the pan-solar internet - as would

> The Alchemist Birmingham Rep

probably be the case if the great satirist were writing today — you must think again. It is a more ebulliently imaginative future to which Bill Alexander and

his cast introduce us. The streets of their London are full of people wearing black plastic, baggy Turkish-style carpets and medievallooking leather. The house to which Simon Callow's Face and Tim Pigott-Smith's Subtle lure their marks suggests that tomorrow's estate agents will have their work cut out for them. The programme says that William Dudley designed those looming walls, iron doors and looping stairs; but the impression is that some mad blacksmith made scores of cogs, spanners, pipes, radiators, candlesticks and a few instruments of torture, and then squashed them into a sort of black

brutalist Gothic: Gormenghast chic. It is a fascinating sight and well enough suited to Jonson, who loved the extravagant and took delight in the grotesque. His people are not people as most of his contemporaries observed them, but caricatures, "humours": crazed Anabaptists trying to persuade themselves that forgery is lawful. a fat knight mentally gourmandising on the prospect of gold-mountains and goldlakes, a dim clerk who believes himself to be the fairy queen's heir. Even so, previous productions of The Alchemist have demonstrated that such characters can be played with a certain finesse and the satire acquire a degree of social reality and moral edge. Alexander opts instead for the broad, the brash and,

most of the time, the farcical. Still, it is hard to complain too much when Callow is caught hilariously transmogrifying from a bare-chested

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the walls of their San Francis-

co apartment in 1981, Nick

and Jan find a message

written underneath in lip-

June 14 1926 ... Read It And

Weep!" Their grumpy old

landlord turns out to be a

piano player from the silent

movie years and he reveals

that Marsh was a dancer on

the verge of stardom when

she died in a road accident.

Nick becomes obsessed with

this story, and that very evening the spirit of Maddie,

still greedy for fame, takes

The fear of losing owner-

ship of one's inmost self, or

outmost self for that matter.

makes a potent story and

possession of Jan's body.

stick: "Madeline Marsh.

south London lager lout to a batonflourishing Sandhurst blimp, and from there to the alchemist's troglodyte stoker, a Welsh chemist oddly garbed in shimmering black armour and, finally. an ingratiating Scots butler. There are other qualities - danger, maybe? - that he might have brought to the role. But he performs with such even more opportunities to play games Geoffrey Freshwater brings an eye-

Delightfully grotesque: Simon Callow (Face), Josie Lawrence (Doll Common) and Tim Pigott-Smith (Subtle) with his hair, teeth and accent: Face as Falklands sheep-tycoon, perhaps, or

Face as scavenging yeti. As the less interesting trickster. Pigott-Smith alternates efficiently enough between gowned magus and hair-shirted ascenc. Josie Lawrence injects panache and even a little aggro into the role of their partner-in-crime, relish and glee that you catch yourself Doll Common, at one point using her wishing Jonson had provided him with thighs to put a headlock on Subtle. And

whirling excitement to the role of Sir Epicure Mammon, who dreams of being fanned by eunuchs and wearing gloves of fish-skin "perfumed with gums of paradise". But before the production reaches the National next month, could someone ensure that the bald patch on his wig doesn't crinkle? That is an absurdity beyond even my powers to defend.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

A slightly vacant possession

exerted a fascination over Jack Finney, author of the novel on which this British musical is based. He also wrote The Invasion of the Bodysnatchers, still the classic parable of a state destroyed from within.

The resurrection of Maddie is used as an opportunity to create irritated confusions, although now and then a deeper and infinitely more interesting plot breaks surface. The 80-year-old pianist (Kevin Colson) dances again with the woman he loved. who has stayed stuck at 20, She is in the body of Nick's

Maddie Salisbury Playhouse

wife, and Nick must watch her draped amorously in his landlord's arms. In these pe ripheral moments it is as if a kraken has swum up from the ocean bed, found the air unfavourable and sunk back.

The show arrives at the Playhouse with good creden-tials, notably the growing reputation of Stephen Keeling, its composer, although I do hanker for tunes to hum.

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duction also allows characters to hang around doing nothing. Just because they are being sung to, or watching from a nearby chair, doesn't mean they can't be made to

look involved. Mark McGann (Nick) runs through a repertoire of doleful attitudes, but the Californian actress and singer Summer Rognile gives a thrilling performance, forthright and feisty, in the Maddie sections of her role. In the show's best scene, at a charity party memorably disrupted by her presence, she gives a new meaning to the phrase: "Drinks on the hostess."

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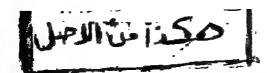
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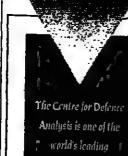
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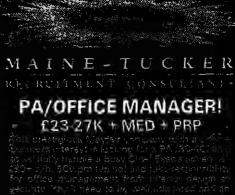
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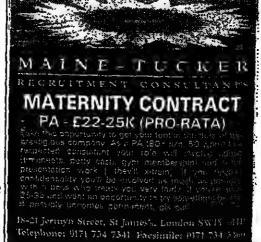


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Britain's second-biggest city was rav-aged by industrial decline in the early 1980s, but now has a growing reputation as a prime location for financial and professional services. Its £180 million International Convention Centre attracts home and overseas business visitors and inward investment has brought an influx of firms to the locality.

Secretarial recruiters say they have risen to the challenge created by Birming-ham's renaissance and changes in the job market. More use of information technology and company downsizing sustain city firms' big demand for temporary secretaries, but as business confidence rises employers are filling posts with permanent appointments.

Local secretarial recruitment companies report that business is picking up as demand rises for secretaries who are fully computer-literate, skilled in business administration and can handle a wide range of tasks. Many of the temp positions that abound can lead to full-time jobs for the better qualified. Salaries are rising: top-skilled senior secretaries and PAs can earn more than £30,000 a year.

Two years ago the Angela Mortimer Group bought the respected Katie Bard Craig Seton reports

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firm that specialised in senior secretaries and PAs for executives. The company has expanded into other sectors and Karen Tirebuck, the company's senior consultant, says that temporary and contract appointments represent more than half its business. An increasing number of "temp to permanent" positions are opening opportunities for top jobseekers to trawl for the best staff prospects with companies.

She says: "Birmingham is certainly an up-and-coming area and salary levels are increasing. This year we have done a number of £20K-plus-benefits packages, whereas a few years ago the maximum would have been around £15K.

Ms Tirebuck says that employers increasingly want secretaries who can master numerous software packages and handle presentations and desktop publishing. If anything, there is a shortage in some sectors of multiskilled people, but she adds that the Higher Diploma in Administrative Procedures, available on local college courses, is producing a core of well-qualified recruits.

The Birmingham office of Kelly Services has banks, solicitors and architects among its clients. The firm's Amanda Arnold says: "The firms we do business with are looking for better-than-average people. The difference between getting a job and not getting a job depends on an applicant's interview skills."

CW Recruitments Professional moved to Birmingham in 1994 from London and now places secretaries in most employment sectors in Birmingham. Charles Wilcox, its director, believes that there is a dearth of well-trained people to fill legal secretary positions commanding top-end salaries of up to £13.000. He says: "Clients say they have plenty of positions to fill and they will also look after training."

He puts the demand down to the rapid growth of legal services in Birmingham. Generally, the market is much busier, with more permanent openings.

eed Employment, the national chain, says that demand for secretaries with audio and short-hand skills has dropped. The company states: "Much more important is a secretary's ability, willingness and flexibility to take responsibility for a wide range of tasks."

The firm says that the expanding role of secretaries includes liaison with external clients, collating statistics, record-keeping, presentations and report-writing.

A recent national survey by Reed found that one in five Birmingham firms is now experiencing skills shortages - for example, in languages — among secretaries and personal assistants for company directors. It says that people with the best qualifications can demand higher salaries from employers.



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Stella Rourke heat younger applicants to become senior secretary to the general manager of a plastics firm: "I have kept my skills up to date"

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t 52, Stella Rourke, a Birmingham secretary for 30 years, had almost given up hope of a permanent job again after being made redundant, but the City firm of Select Secretaries thought her up-to-date skills and wide experience were ideal for an executive's office. Craig Seton writes.

Paula Barnes, the former secretary who started Select Secretaries with a colleague. Jenny Hindmarch, seven years ago, says: Senior personnel in Birmingham still want secretaries who know about the business side, can attend meetings with them, undertake projects and fulfil the role of an experienced PA." Mrs Rourke, formerly a secretary to

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several executives, has a wide range of self-taught computer skills, including in graphics and desktop publishing. She also has excellent shorthand, which Ms Barnes says is in demand again among senior executives in Birmingham and is not always a strong point with younger secretaries.

Select Secretaries advised Mrs Rourke to apply for the post of senior secretary to the general manager of BIP, a plastics firm in Oldbury, West Midlands, Though there were more than 30 younger applicants, she got the job in

Mrs Rouke says that her boss was looking for a secretary with a cool head, tact and experience. She adds: "I have also always kept my skills up to date. If you do not, then you will find yourself out of the jobs market."

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Surprises in store with new look to St Pierre

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

THE golfer who knows St Pierre will get a surprise at some of the changes that have been made to the Chepstow course for the Solheim Cup, the biennial match between teams of 12 women professionals from Europe and the United States, which starts on Friday. The route has been altered so that the 18th, the scenic short hole from a raised tec to a green the other side of a stretch of the lake, is now the

A joker in the professional's

ian Woosnam, of Wales, and Steve Stricker, of the United States, complete the list of 12 players who will compete in the Million Dollar Challenge, in Sun City, South Africa, between November 28 and December I. The other ten competitors include Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie.

shop suggested that it was being done to shorten the course for the women. In fact, it is thought that some matches might not reach the 18th as it used to be, and the short hole is too seenic to be wasted and too valuable as a spectating point - so a new layout was

Now, competitors walk from the loth green, back down to the houses by the lake, passing Laura Davies's red Ferrari on the way, and to the tee of what used to be the Ith. That hole is now played as the 17th. They cross the road to the 10th and play that as the

not many matches are expected to go to the home hole. It has no grandstands around it. Yesterday afternoon, St Pierre looked as attractive as a landscape painting. The words "St Pierre" made up of

flowers were clearly visible in

the land that sloped down

from the tee of the loth. The magnificent chestnut trees that line the drive, and which have welcomed visitors since this course opened in 1952, scemed to have an added tinge of colour in the autumn sunshine and the white canvas forming a tented village set up to the right of the 1st added to the occasion. The practice ground, for this event only, is now round the back of the hotel, past the tennis courts. At tea-time, it was deserted.

All the players, officials and a good many camp followers had gathered at the entrance to the hotel for official photographs. Behind the players were the medleval twin towers, draped in reddening Virginia creeper, of the 14thcentury building that was owned by Sir David ap Phillip. As subjects go, Sir David must have been ideal. He fought for at least two kings and lent them money against the security of the Crown jewels, which were deposited at St Pierre.

Adding a more up-to-date touch yesterday were the EC flag, which flew from one tower, and the Stars and Stripes, which flew from the

On the 8th and 17th greens. water sprinklers were doing their jobs while a lone caddie was hard at work on the 10th green, rolling three balls



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Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, enjoys her first practice round at St Pierre yesterday

across the putting surface to note the speed of the surface and the undulations.

His name, he said proudly. was Henrik Wickberg and he caddies for Catrin Nilsmark, one of the two selections for the Europe team for this match made by Mickey Walker, its captain. Recently the

Wickberg-Nilsmark partner-ship was cemented when they got married. "She's Carrin Nilsmark Wickberg in Sweden," Wickberg explained lace in 1998." "but in golf she is still Catrin

Nilsmark. Beyond Wickberg, the eye was caught by a sign in the distance over the entrance and

exit to the St Pierre complex. "Thank you for coming," it said. "We look forward to seeing you at Muirfield Vil-

nothing has been overlooked.

Muirfield Village, Jack Nicklaus's golf course in Dublin. Ohio, is the site of the next Solheim Cup. So far, it seems.

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Cycling: Tony Rominger, the

back to form to win the 46kilometre time-trial from El Tiemblo to Avila by two seconds from his fellow Swiss, Alex Zülle. In difficult, conditions, Zülle, windy eighth before the start, took the race leader's yellow jersey, Imin 04sec ahead of Miguel Induráin, who had started the

Rush job

American football: Jerome Bettis rushed for 133 yards and two touchdowns as Pittsburgh Steelers beat Buffalo Bills 24-6 on Monday night. Jim Kelly, the Bills quarterback, was intercepted four OR WRITE TO: THE TIMES MEESPIERS ON PROPRATE GOLF CHALLENGE PO BOX 4, HARPENDEN.

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STEVE ROBINSON, of Wales, the former World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion, returns to the ring tonight after an absence of almost a year (Srikumar Sen writes). He meets Kelton McKenzie, of Leicester, at the Rhondda Fach sports centre, near Pontypridd, aiming for a victory to help him to regain his selfesteem after his eight-round humiliation by Naseem Hamed last September.

IN BRIEF

Robinson

aims for

quick win

on return

It was only through the encouragement of his manager, Dai Gardiner, that he managed to find the enthusiasm to box again after eight idle months. Gardiner said that Robinson is now as good as he was when he stopped Paul Hodkinson in 1994. If that is the case, he should be able to deal with McKenzie inside the distance, and a spectacular win would do a lot for his confidence. ☐ Richie Woodhall's chall-

enge for Keith Holmes's World Boxing Council middleweight title has been moved from Washington to Mariborough, Maryland, on Saturday, October 19.

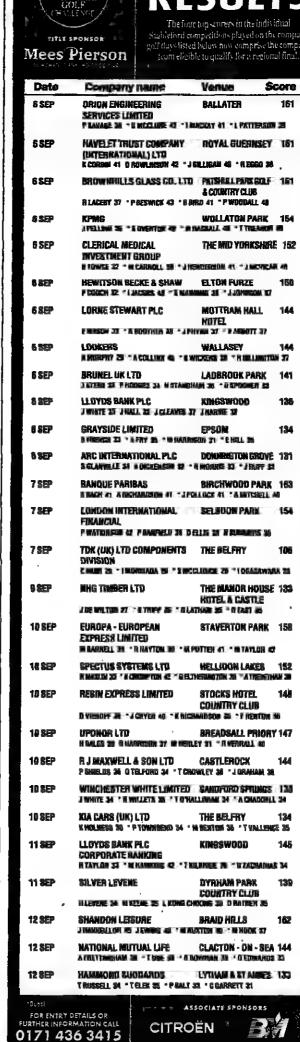
Hick to rest

Cricket: Graeme Hick, the Worcestershire batsman, has rejected three lucrative offers to play abroad this winter. believed to be from Northern Districts and Auckland in New Zealand, and Western Province in South Africa. Hick, who was left out of the England tour party for Zimbabwe and New Zealand, is to rest after six years of almost non-stop cricket.

☐ Steve Barwick, who made his debut in 1981, was one of four players released by Giamorgan yesterday. The others were Neil Kendrick, the slow left-arm bowler, and Alistair Dalton and James Williams, two young batsmen.

Zulle blows hot

winner of the Tour of Spain in tenth stage in 22nd position.



TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL high-oil 7:30 unless stated Coca-Cota Cup Second round, first les-Barnet v West Ham (7.45) Black-pool v Chelsea (7.45) Bristol City v Bolton (7.45)

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By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT The manueuvre known as an "intra-finesse" that helped South to success on this deal was only feasible after his opponents' informative bidding.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

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Contract: Four Spades by South, Lead: queen of diamonds.

saved in Five Clubs (losing 300 points) but he decided to take his chances in defence. East won the first trick with

heart from dummy, covering his ace and returned a club. South ruffed and, as it was certain that West held the king of spades, continued with ace and another trump. West won and exited with a diamond to south's king.

Declarer placed West with he king of hearts and, as East and bid two suits, there was nardly room for him to hold nore than two hearts. So leclarer's only chance of re-

West might profitably have stricting his heart losers to one was to find East with 108 or JS doubleton. He crossed to

> East's eight with the nine. West won with his jack but, on the next round of hearts, South led the queen from hand to pin East's ten. He still had a trump for entry, so he made his contract for the loss of one spade, one heart and one diamond.

the ten of spades and led a low

☐ Robert Shechan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday. WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hard times

Holland has produced three incontestably great players this century: world champion Dr Max Euwe and the grandmasters Jan Hein Donner and Jan Timman. The recently concluded tournament in Amsterdam was inaugurated to honour Donner's memory last year, when Tumman lived up to expectations by securing a share of first prize.

This year, however, Timman was in poor form, even losing one game from an overwhelming position. White: Jan Timman

Black: Gata Kamsky Amsterdam, August 1996 Sicilian Defence

ය රජි Nf3 Nc3 Bg5 Qd3 Bh4 0-0-0 BA7 NBd7 hvg5 16 Bd7 Nc6 Nge5 Qa5 0-0-0 Bs 14 Bg3 15 Be2 16 Nxg5 17 Qd2 18 NK3 19 NM 20 Qe3 Kb8 Rc8

Kbi Rhit Rci Nin5 Be1 Bh4 exd5 Nxi6 Nxd5 Nb6+ Rxc1 Bg3 Bh5 Bxe8 Bi2 Qd3 Ne4 Ne5 Qe4 Oi3 Qi4 hi3 48 Od6 49 Og3 White resigns

Timman missed several excellent possibilities. For example, 36 Nxd7+ Oxd7, 37 Rd1 or later 38 Nd5 Qxc3, 39 Nxc3 Nd3, 40 Rdl should both have been sufficient to win.

Chess Olympiad

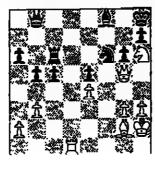
England got off to a flying start in the first round of the Chess Olympiad in Erevan, defeating Indonesia 312-12. The English team is seeded No 2 behind Russia, who beat Finland by the same score. The England women's team (seeded No 15), defeated the Philippines 3-0.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Schwartzmann - Yermolinsky, United States 1996. The Black position is full of holes and although White is a pawn down. this factor gives him the chance for a winning combination. Can you see his crucial next move?



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Simon Barnes on the magical moment when Bobby Charlton's goal united a team and a nation Boyhood hero who gave England his best shot



L tautology or the most preposterous oxymoron. Every goal scored by your team is wonderfully, gloriously good: the two-yard tap-in and the dodgy penalty and all: just as every goal scored by the other lot, the 80-yard dribble and the 40-yard chip, is horribly, hatefully bad,

And so I was tempted to select as my own greatest goal the one scored in the six-yard box by Little Ant, the saxophonist, for mighty Gwai-loong, or even the jammy one I got myself with a punt-out on

a pocket-handkerchief pitch. Or, perhaps, I thought, I would choose one of those skidding. pouncing goals that Gary Lineker specialised in and praise beauty of thought rather than beauty of execution. Or maybe the goal scored by Lawrie Sanchez as Wimbledon beat Liverpool in the FA Cup Final of 1988: beauty of

spirit rather than beauty of style. But these were largely cerebral choices. I knew all along the goal that I would have to choose. The goodness or otherwise of a goal is not a matter of technical and aesthetic perfection; it is a matter

You can move the sait and pepper pots how you like to show the chess-like manoeuvring that led to the great strike, but that is to miss the point. You do not stroke your chin and say: hmm, that was a good goal. It is a cry of wonder from deep inside your guts.





Charlton, extreme right, watches his shot fly past the Mexico goalkeeper into the net, before leaving the pitch with Hunt, whose decoy run created one of the finest goals seen at Wembley

Rovers, was an indictment of

the state of Southsh football. It

can be forgotten, however,

that Wilkins was still capable

of influential performances in

the FA Carling Premiership

last season with Queens Park

Rangers, the club he also

managed until the beginning

In any case, Alex Miller, the

Hibernian manager, will not

quibble over the source of any

improvement. The victors

over Raith was only the fifth

in the league since the begin-

ning of 1996. A team, of

course, can easily become

distressed by its own record

and Wilkins was surprised by

the degree of tension in the

dressing-room on Saturday.

With nothing to prove and little to worry about, he can, at

least, provide a relaxing influ-

ence. Only the site of tonight's

game brings a little turmoil.

"I had some great times there," Wilkins said, "and it

will be an emotional experi-

ence to come out on to the

pitch to play there again." He

is professional enough, how-

ever, to keep his mind clear of

swiftly visitors to Ibrox can

find themselves besieged and

bludgeoned. He talks of the

folly of trying to halt Rangers

only at the edge of your own

Contesting the game in the centre of the field is, however.

an ambition that few of the

Scottish champions' oppo-

nents ever realise. Hibernian

could have Gordon Hunter

and Andy Dow, who have

both been injured, available

tonight, but the resources they

take to Ibrox are still likely to

Rangers acknowledged yes-

terday that Stephen Wright.

the full back who damaged a

knee in a match against

Juventus last year, requires

further surgery in the United

States and will be unable to

play for a further 12 months.

prove inadequate.

Wilkins understands how

fond memories.

penalty area.

of this month.

I will talk you through it if you like. Well, Brian, he put the ball on his right foot and all he had to do was whack it, like, and the ball was in

the back of my heart. And so the goal: scored by one Robert Charlton against Mexico on July 16, 1966. It was a great goal in anybody's terms, but time. place, context, the stage of the competition and the age of the watcher all combined to make it the greatest goal ever, igniting the

believed that England could win

unbelieving hopes of a team, a nation and of a London schoolboy. Let us have the goal first, and then the ripples. No one seriously

advantage. And, after a ghastly 0-0 draw in their first match against a smothering Uruguay side, it was time for resignation. Let's face it,

our boys just aren't good enough. And they continued to be not good enough against Mexico in the second game. Mexico also sought succeeded. This was the picture: a smart and populous Mexican de fence, awful frustration of all England, agonies in a Streatham sitting-room. Then what hap-pened, Bobby? "I picked the ball up quite deep and I had no intention of shooting at goal." What, none? "I didn't really expect

Roger Hunt was darting about in a series of decoy runs, "diving in different directions and their defenders were being pulled and all the time I was allowed to go further and further. I thought, if they let me go another half a dozen yards I'm going to have a dip."

Perhaps the distance was 30 yards. I don't know. It seemed, even at the time, to be about the length of Streatham High Road. Whack! and the ball is sailing past Pratts, past the library, past Gadsby's and all the way down to Greyhound Lane and the Common. "It's lovely, Wembley, for shooting. The ball runs so

smooth and, if you really whack it, you've got a fair chance."

Chariton really whacked it. It flew like an arrow, a flaming arrow, and it set fire to the team, to the tournament, to the nation, to the sitting-room, to me. A world of infinite possibilities opened up and it was clear in the blinking of an

eye how absolutely, mindlessly, bloody wonderful sport can be. Charlton's cliche was that he was not a great scorer of goals. always a scorer of great goals. All the same, he did manage 49 of them for England, still the record. He was the nonpareil of the England team, a soft-spoken man

AMERICAN POOTBALL

the place with a ridiculous who'she trying to kid haircut.

There was always a slight element of absurdity about Charlton in his pomp. That was as it should be, too. There was never any danger of idolatry. "He's not bald," a schoolfriend used to insist. "His hair is just so blond you can't

actually see it." Me. I preferred to see things as they are. But there was no ducking the impact of that goal. It was not the goal that finished things, it was the goal that started it all. It was the goal that led England out of the telephone kiosk, no longer Clark Kents but a team, for a time, of

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It was so dramatic, that moment, it seemed to change your entire life in the second that it took place. One moment full of gloom, the next dancing on the ceiling. It changed the lives of all the players involved. And I suppose it might have changed mine, too: would I, a grown-up, be spending large chunks of my life writing about kids' games were it not for that single moment of perfection and joy, that single strike, that shallow.

arrowing arc? "I just banged it and it came off so sweetly and when it was on its way, I thought, well that's a goal." And it bloody well was, too, wasn't

FOOTBALL: HOUSTON SEEKS SOLID START AS HIS PREDECESSOR RETURNS TO GLASGOW

Sibley severs link Wilkins looks to influence with Loftus Road events at Ibrox once more

By Russell Kempson and David Maddock

STEWART HOUSTON, appointed manager of Queens Park Rangers on Monday, takes his new charges to Swindon Town tonight for the first of three games between the clubs in eight days. They meet in a Nationwide League first division encounter at Loftus Road on Saturday, with the return leg of their Coca-Cola Cup second-round tie to

come next Wednesday. Houston's arrival has already prompted movement within the OPR backroom staff. Frank Sibley, the longserving coach, agreed to act as caretaker manager, after the departure of Ray Wilkins two weeks ago, but indicated that he would go once an appointment had been made. Yesterday, he carried out his

promise. "I felt I had given all I could over the years and that the new manager should have a clean sheet to start from." Sibley said. He joined the club as an apprentice in 1965 and retired through injury during the 1970-71 season. He served as youth and reserve team coach and, after a brief coaching soell with Chelsea in the late 1980s, returned to Loftus Road as assistant manager to

Gerry Francis in 1991. His departure will increase speculation that Pat Rice, the youth team coach and caretaker manager of Arsenal at present, will eventually move across London to renew his partnership with Houston, the former assistant manager at

Peterborough, one of a number of lower division sides taking on opponents from the FA Carling Premiership this evening, will be without Martyn O'Connor, their captain, against Southampton at The Dell, "We don't have a car in hell's chance," Barry Fry. Peterborough

BY DAVID MADDOCK

had attempted to persuade the Spanish

club to relent on a refusal to allow the

player to join United But sources in

Spain suggest that Nadal has now

do School Property engines and the control of the c

Fry intends to give a debut to David Billington, a midfield player who, at 16 years 247 days, will become the secondyoungest player to appear in the competition. "I've no worries about playing him." Fry said. Kevin Davis was 67 days younger than Billington when

he played for Chesterfield against West Ham United three years ago. An additional incentive for Jan Rush to open his account for Leeds United against Darlington is the fact that he stands on the threshold of yet another landmark. Rush, a summer signing from Liverpool, needs one more goal to equal the competition record

name of Geoff Hurst. It is a prospect which natu-rally excites the Wales international forward, but not necessarily for the obvious reason. "I have still to open my account after getting four in pre-season, and of course the manager is looking for his first win. so I will be very disappointed if I don't get off the mark." he said. "I am not unhappy with my form, but I think I have been playing too

deep because I haven't had a chance in three games. Mark Hateley has been retained on a further month's loan by George Graham, the

new Leeds manager, and he is likely to partner Rush. Everton's players will enter their Coca-Cola Cup tie against last season's giantkillers. York City, who put out Manchester United. knowing that Peter Johnson. the chairman, has secured a £15 million share issue for the club, which will allow Joe

Royle, the manager, scope to enter the transfer market. The figure of £10 million is nonsense, but the club has greater ability to invest both on and off the field." Johnson

VIRTUE is a commodity so rare in Scottish football that it

Wilkins is a great advert for the game at a time when we probably need that," Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said, relishing the return to Forox, for tonight's Coca-Cola Cup fourth-round tie, of Ray

Wilkins, the English midfield player who is with Hibernian on a one-month contract. The game would certainly benefit from seeing its days of bediam come to an end. Last week, two managers, lain Munro and Tommy McLean. abruptly ditched clubs that they had only just joined. On Saturday, Heart of Midlothian had four players sent off in the Bell's Scottish League

premier division match with Since then, there have been mystifying reports of militancy from Celtic players who have decided they are unhappy with bonus payments the

Kevin McCarra says

needs a dose of virtue after difficult times

eason began. In the circumstances, it could well be pleasing for the perplexed speciator to rest his eyes on last appearance for Rangers

portraved as the leavetaking of an actor for whom there were no more lines in the script. Now he is 40, and still hogging the stage.

His enduring merit troubles some people, who consid-



Scottish football must now be imported, "Ray

> the serenity of Wilkins. He is the strolling proof that technique is the perfect preservative of a career. His came in a 3-0 victory over Dunfermline Athletic on November 25 1989. Wilkins was

er that his effectiveness on his

then 33, and the match was

Wilkins, centre, makes the acquaintance of his new club colleagues during Hibernian's 1-0 win on Saturday

Nadal still confident about Old Trafford move determined to secure a move. Presented with such an ultimatum, Nadal is

> Rangers yesterday announced record trading profits of more than 57 million with turnover up 55 per cent to

since 1995 further illustrates the success of the Rangers brand name, according to the Glasgow club.

double on the field has helped us achieve an outstanding set of financial results off the field. Whilst our dominance at domestic level was extremely satisfying, we continue to strive for greater success at the highest level in Europe," Murray believes that consistently high attendances, allied to a growth in commercial activities, hold

insisting on a move. It is the latest twist gambling on yet another change of in what is becoming yet another sagaheart from his club. of transfer intrigue involving the two Edwards was staying tightlipped on clubs. the matter yesterday, but United are Nadal, an influential figure in the still hoping that they will get their

the year ended May 31, 1996. This fourfold increase in the trading profits

David Murray, the chairman, said: Winning the League and Scottish Cup

the key to Rangers' financial success.

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to play for them again - and is MIGUEL ANGEL NADAL, the Spain international defender, is still confident of joining Manchester United. despite an apparent breakdown in negotiations over his proposed transfer to England. national side, had arrived at an man, just as they eventually signed Martin Edwards, the Old Trafford agreement with Barcelona, in which he Jordi Crayff after two weeks of intense, chairman, made an unsuccessful jourwould be allowed to move for \$2.4 and at times heated, negotiation. ney to Barcelona on Monday, where he million. He was eager to join United,

informed his club that he has no desire

but was dismayed to hear that the

Barcelona board had, last weekend,

Now he has made it clear that he is

gone back on their earlier agreement.

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RACING: BRITISH THREE-YEAR-OLDS FAIL TO MAKE THE GRADE

Classic crop reap poor harvest against elders

HOW 1996 CLASSIC RUNNERS HAVE GIVEN BEST TO THEIR ELDERS

THE overall ability of this year's three-year-old crop in Britain has plummeted to depths unparalleled in the last decade. In Pattern races against their elders, the classic generation has triumphed just seven times in 36 contests.

That total is by some way the lowest for the period under review. At the corresponding stage over the last II seasons, the worst yield came in 1993. when three-year-olds annexed 12 Pattern races. The highest total of 20 was achieved in 1989. The average over the same period is 16, more than double the tally accrued by this year's vintage.

And the picture is bleaker if the performance of horses contesting the first four British classics is further scrutinised. No fewer than 51 classic contestants have subsequently competed 81 times in all-aged races, yet only Mark Of Esteem, through his Celebration Mile victory at Goodwood, has landed an all-aged Pattern event. It amounts to a savage denouement of the classic generation.

So much was expected when Alhaarth emerged from winter quarters with the 2,000 Guineas apparently at his mercy. Unbeaten in five juven-

first two-year-old to land four mances this year." group races since the Pattern's inception 25 years ago. He remains winless after six outings this term and his contemporaries appear to have

followed his slide. Geoffrey Gibbs, until last week the British Horseracing Board handicapper responsible for the juvenile classification, conceded yesterday that Alhaarth's Dewhurst Stakes victory was overrated. "Alhaarth doesn't appear to have reproduced his form of last year." Gibbs said. "With hindsight, we over-egged the Dewhurst form but the overall

2,000 GUINEAS (13 runners)

1,000 GUINEAS (13)

THE OAKS (11)

The sense of disappoint-

ment has not been confined to Alhaarth. Shaamit, the Derby winner, has twice failed when tested against his elders, most recently when fourth in the Irish Champion Stakes. His troubled passage on that occasion entitles him to a more favourable assessment, yet his failure to finish ahead of Dance Design is hardly encouraging. Shaamit entered the winter recess with a rating insufficient for inclusion in the Free Handicap, which allocated places to 128 juveniles trained in Europe.

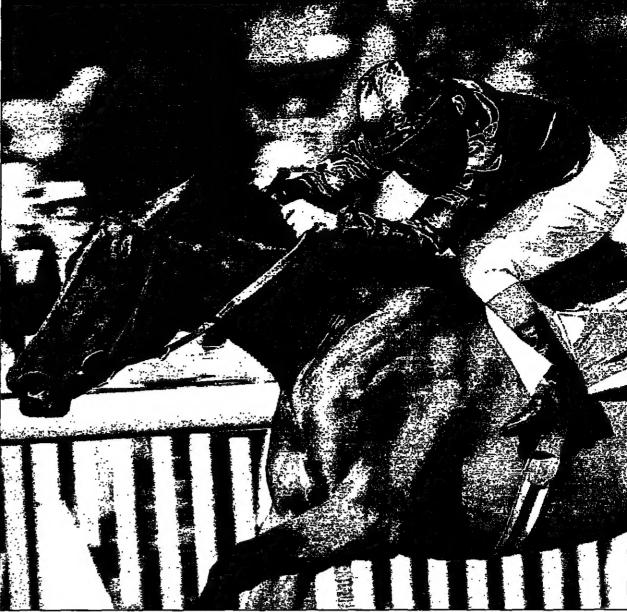
merit of last year's two-year-olds was average. That has the source of Britain's finest

three-year-olds yet none among the 20-strong field has mastered their elders within the Pattern. Of the two triumphs recorded in all-aged company, Busy Flight won a listed race at Doncaster and Shantou a conditions event at Windsor. The subsequent Pattern victories of Shantou, Dushyantor and St Mawes were achieved at the direct expense of their contemporaries but Shaamit, Glory Of Dancer, Alhaarth and Storm Trooper have failed in nine collective attempts against senior opposition.

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That contrasts sharply with runners in last year's Derby. By the season's end, Lammtarra, Tamure, Presenting, Fahal, Court Of Honour, Riyadian, Humbel and Spectrum all graduated to Pattern success after running at Epsom. Moreover, six of them achieved the distinction against their elders.

Even though nearly 80 per cent of all-aged Pattern races have already been settled, it would be premature to dis-miss the entire three-year-old crop. Mark Of Esteem and Bosra Sham may yet achieve champion miler status, but the mediocrity implicit from results thus far has made it a poor year for the Turf's



Fiji, trained by Henry Cecil, makes a winning debut under the guidance of Pat Eddery at Sandown yesterday

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Clara Bliss

2.50 Roushan

3.55 Sleepytime 4.25 Anokato 5.00 Torremolinos

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.25 BATTLE GROUND. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.55 SLEEPYTIME (nep).

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 dismissal claiming stakes

(2-Y	-0. £	3,339. 5	i 6yd) (10 runners)	
101	(6)		LAST CHANCE 24 (D.RF.F) (Cerrolet Rucing) C Allen 9-0 Pat Foldery	90
102	(7)	242310	SUITE FACTORS 24 (D.F) (N Shades) K Burks 8-9 T Comm	
103	(1)	03	DANIEHILL PRINCE 14 (Mrs R Bales) G L Moore 8-7	77
1134	(4)	800	ELLONS LAD 32 (Air: C Hammajon) & Hannon 8-7 Dame O'Neil	84
705	(8)	86183	GLARA BLISS 14 (F) (6 Cuichpole) B Mestran 8-8 M Tebbeti	9
106	(3)	22460	SWIFT PEFLISAL SG (B) (Misconnille Premers) M Haynes B-6 C Permer	82
107	(5)	1634.5	JUST LOUI 23 (D.G) (A Poole) W G M Turner 8-4	96
108	(3)		RED GARTER 11 (V) (A Maz Gillingy) & McAulifin 8-4 L Newton (5)	
709	(3)	610	RUSTY 24 (D.F) (N. Aadson) J Berry B-2 G Carter	91
110	10:		JILLY WOO 76 (Mrs J Wetherspaon) D Elsworth 8-0 5 Drowne	
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301	(3)	530413	ROUSHAN 11 (D.G) (R Cummings) 5 Williams 9-1, , J Tale	맺
202	(4)	014300	XENOPHON OF CLINAXA 9 (D.F.S.) (Abigan LLII) M F-Sosiey 5-1 DOUBTPLIL	94
303	(6)	20-3252	DIAM(DND BEACH 32 (A Richards) B Hills 8-12	96
204	(3)	354214	DIVINE QUEST 23 (D.BF.F) (Lady H de Walden) H Caril 8-12 Pat Eddary	86
205	(5)	54-3206	BLITE FORCE 33 (R Sangsler) P Crappie-Hyam 8-12 J Reid	맭
206	(2)		LUCKY ARCHER 7 (W Gredley) C British B-12 B Doyle	
207	ത്		PROUD MONK 17 (D.S) (K Higson) & L Moore 8-12 S Whitevorin	
208			MISS PICKPOCKET 186 (S) (F O'Rounte) Miss & Kellenny 8-9 . Dame O'Holli	
			uest, 3-1 Rousham, B-2 Distrional Beach, 5-1 Lucky Archer, 6-1 Bille Force, 8-1 F	
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mouth (7), good to firm) on penultimen	e start.
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3.20 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE / JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £6,343: 1m 14yd) (11 runners)

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102	m	61-0006	MO CUICHES 82 (B,D,F) (M Watt) 6 Leves 9-5 Pat Eddiny 90	
03	(3)	035212	DUBANCER GOLF TRAC 11 (V.F.G) (Consize Panness) Lord Hambington 9-4 J Raid 92	
94	(2)	351680	DISALLOWED 25 (F) (K Reickine) M Bell 9-4 H Femion	
05	(9)	155040	SISTAR ACT 21 (D.F.G) (T Corby) M Ozestnon 9-1	
06	(10)	04200	WATHERKAY 23 (G Sameson) R Homon &-10 Dane O'Nest 95	
07	(4)	00-000	COUNTRY THATCH 12 (Mrs & Summer) C Hospen 8-9 B Doyle 84	
108	citi	002415	SCATHEBURY 13 (B.F.S.) (N Shedds) K Burks 8-5	
\sim	(1)	236600	SUPERIOR FORCE 13 (D,S) (Copylorce Ltd) Mess B Sanders 8-7 S Sanders 93	,
10	(6)	001130	GENEROUS PRESENT 11 (D.F) (A Pennan) J Paper 8-7 D Weight (3) 90	ł
111	(8)	9-6005	CLASSIC LOOK 6 (J Condon) D Chappel 6-4	ŕ
हाम	MG: 5-	2 Demonst	Golf Time, 3-1 Serting Fortune, 7-1 Williambay, Desaltownid, 8-1 Scathabury, 9-1 No.	į
			12-1 others.	

1995: DANEGOLO 9-7 R Hughes (13-2) M Channon 12 Feb

FORM FOCUS

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14) 2nd of 14 to Primo Lara in handicap at Haydock
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Bridge in handicap at Ripon (1m 21, good to soft)
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chimer at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). SCATHEBURY bed Metrian Cer 1% in handcap at Massalburgh (71, good to firm) GENEROUS PRESENT 5%) 3rt ot 6 to Prizeligate as handcap at Carlesi (1m, firm) CLASSIC LOOK 5%) 5in to Speedy Classic in handicap at Carlesia (71, good in ism). Selection: Dummer Golf Trace

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Beverley: 4 15 Exemption, Nor Esprit. 4 50 Risky Flight. 5.20 Manolo: Sandown Park: 2.15 Swift Refusal, Red Gartar. 4.25 Regal Equity. 5.30 in The Band. Yarmouth: 2.00 El Barador. 4.35 Mujazi. 5 10 Access Adventurer.

3.55 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND GRASS WIDOWS MAIDEN STAKES

-Y	-0: £3	810: 71 16yd) (16 ru	unners)	
ì	(12)	ATTITUDE (6/1900)	anlield (td) H Candy 9-0	C Ruiger
12	间		TED (Mrs C Poland) H Cardy 9-0	
13	(14)	DOUBLE-E-+-8-A	(Carnelot Racing) C Allien 9-0 Mark	in Dwyer (5)
и	(E)		29 (P Head) C Britain 9-0	
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Y6	an		32 (Thane Lessing) P Harris 9-0	
17	(15)		DRY (Howar Racang Club) T Nauchton 9-0	
8	(13)	DAKEN WOOD (G	Gallagher Malerials) N Culleghan 9-0	R McCabe
19	(4)	CRITELIUS (1 Wigh	ata) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Nell
10	(2)	PETER PERFECT	T(HSRacong) GLMHs 9-0	Wheisn (3)
ı	(10)	SERBNADE (Arse	atis Of Waglard) M Haynes 9-0	. G Carter
12	(8)	6 SHALAAL 25 (M.	Al Maktoum) E Dunleo 9-0	S Whiteworth 7
3	(16)	5 TOUGH ACT 142	2 (Mrs W Salner) & Harwood 9-0	A Clark 7
14	(1)	6 BATHE IN LIGHT	83 (Conolan Paraners) Lord Huxtangdon 8-9 W	R Sweetburn 7
4 5	n		Gregor) W Janes 8-9	
16	(3)	SLEEPYTIME (Gre	reambay Stables) H Cecil B-9	Pai Eddiny
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4.25 DAVID WARD BENEFIT NURSERY HANDICAP

-Y	-0: X	3,94U: D	a 6ya) (12 runners)	
01	(1)	21343	SOUS LE MEZ 21 (D.BF.F) (A Davies) R Guert 9-7 P Bioprofesti	8
Œ2	侚		POLISH WARRIOR 23 (BF) (Mrs. D Weatherbr) P Chappie Hyam 9-5. J Reid	93
03	(4)	542506	HANGOVER SOLIARE 39 (8 Latenant) A Hannon 9-5 Dune O'Nell	9
84	(9)	651265	TEAR WHITE 19 (B,D,F) (A Lawson & Co) T Mails 9-2	
05	(3)		REGAL EQUITY 12 (B) (A Holassi) B Meetan 9-2	8
06	(11)	140	MORTHERN SAL 23 (D.S) (A Bresze) J Beny 8-13 . G Carter	8
07	ċιρί	242	CAMBIRDOSE BALL 24 (BF) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 8-12 . Par Eddery	
Ô6	(12)	40442	MANIKATO B (Edemma Bloodstock) D Cospione 8-11 L. Newton (5)	8
09	(C)	634360	ANOKATO 12 (B) (K hory) K hory 8-6 Martin Duyer (5)	9
10	(8)	16	SPARKLING EDGE 20 (F) (S Ross) C Dwyer 7-12 A Mullen (7)	
11	(6)		MINE'S DOUBLE 25 (Contrac Promotions) & Lowis 7-10 R Street	Š
12	m	6306	BATTLE GROUND 34 (N Collapten) N Calleghan 7-10 Dectan O'Shee	

BETTING: 7-2 Sous In No., 4-1 Polish Wurner, 9-2 Tear White, 6-1 Cambridge Ball, 8-1 Ha Manifato, 10-1 Regal Equity, 12-1 others 1995; WRYTE FMRR 8-11 B Doyle (5-1) B Mestian 9 ran **FORM FOCUS**

H WARRIOR 1991 3nd of 8 to Tomba in n at Episom (60, good). TEAR WHITE 17 2nd first the Flence in Nandicao at Goodhelod (50, to Orm). CAMBRIDGE BALL 341 2nd of 10 to an Jack in maiden of Nottingham (60, good in	soft) SPARKLING EDGE book to Shuttle 1% i to setter at Folkstone (6, firm) BATTLE GROUND SI 3rd of 7 to Without mends in claimer at Goodwood (8, good). Selection: TEAR WHITE

(3-Y-0	U KENNI 23,745: 1	NGTDN OVAL MAIDEN STAKES m 21 7yd) (5 nunners)	
	(4) 5	CONGO MAN 54 (J Acherhem) M Skoule 9-0 J Reid	•
602 ((2)	MR WILD (A AN) B Hanbury 9-0	
	3) 3	TORREMOLBIOS 14 (Thoroughbred Corporation) H Cacil 9-0 Pai Eddery	ĺ
		ENRICHED 152 (Shelifi Mohammed) J Gosdan 8-9	ì
	(5)	UNASSALLABLE (W Gredley) C Britain 8-9 . B Doyle	
BETTONS	4-6 Torremol	inos, 3-1 Congo Man, 7-1 Enriched, 18-1 Unassallable, 13-1 Mr Wild	
		1995: COBURG 9-0 W Ryan (9-2) H Cacal 17 mm	
		FORM FOCUS	

CONGO MAN 715th of 7 to My Emma or marden at Newmarkel (1sh 4f, good to limm), TORRESMO-LINGS 444 3rd of 12 to Mohawi Raws or marden at Selection: CONGO MAN

5.30 END OF SEASON APPRENTICE HANDICAP

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	1	670	111116	WICKINS 15 (D.F.G.S) (M Wester) H Collinguidge 6-10-0 . C Webb	8
	2	(19)	215514	GUESSTMATION 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Exc Two) J Pearce 7-9-9 Mats Williams (5)	
	3	(13)	024050	WET PATCH 11 (D.F.S) (P Hammond) R Hannon 4-9-9 A. Sali (10)	9
	4	(5)	3125-00	FATHER DAN 187J (D.F.S) (Father Dan) Mr.s 5 Kellenay 7-9-5 B Ford (10)	9
	- 5	(10)	232000		9
	6	(7)	051531	GOLD DESPIE 13 (C.O.F.G.S) (Northgale Lodge) M Britain 6-8-11 J Fowle (6)	Ş
	7	(6)	05-5600		Ġ
	ä	0.0		MALITICAL JEWEL 162 (Sporting Partners) M Usine 4-8-11 . R Brisland (5)	9
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	10	(9)	002654	CUBAN REEF 13 (G) (I. Wect) W Musson 4-8-8 . J Donne.	- 6
	11	(14)	312326	PRINCELY AFFAIR 75 (D.BF.F) (S Sampson) M Bell 3-3-8 R Musen (3)	- 1
	12	(15)	230504	IN THE BAND 11 (V) (T Corby) Lord Humanodon 3-8-6 C Cogan (8)	•
	13	(3)	45020/0	MISTY VIEW 30J (CD.F.G) (M Pascall) J While 7-8-0 Anthony Bond (5)	
	14	141	400544	LADY SABINA 25 (D.G) (W Musson) W Musson 6-7-11 . Kerry Baker (5)	- 1
	15	(2)	034624		- 1
	16	(1)	9545/	LUCY TUFTY 256J (G Tutes) J Person 5-7-10 . List Moncheff (10)	
	17	(11)	600000	BRONZE RUMMER 18 (B.CD,F,G) (A Shout) E Wheeler 12-7-10 Emily Joyce (5)	8
ı	Long	hunde	ao: Estemo	kiss 7-8, Lucy Tuliy 7-7, Bioner Runner 8-2	

BETTING, 5-1 Bold Desire, 7-1 Princely Miles, Wickers, 8-1 Calcen Rest, 10-1 Special Rest, 12-1 Rock Tine Berney, 14-1 others

1995; KANDYAN 4-9-2 J Goldted (5-1) M Templots 19 ran **FORM FOCUS**

SLESSTIMATION 31 and neck 4th of 18 to Action lackson in seller of Protestast (1m 21, good). ELLY REETROOT best recent effort head 2nd of 14 to Newport King in handicap at Windsor (1m 31 185yts), GOLD DESRE heat Minister Glary 16 in 19-runner apprendice handleap at York (1m 21 Selection: WICKINS

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THUNDERER 2.00 Shabanaz. 2.30 Action Jackson. 3.00 Sergeyev. 3.30 IVOR'S DEED (nap). 4.05 Wing And A Prayer. 4.35 Harry Wotton. 5.10 Toujours Riviera. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.35 Harry Wolton.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 NEWTON SELLING STAKES (£2,763; 1m 2f 21yd) (18 runners)

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á	1.7	-060	DESERT ZONE 15 (D.S) J L Harrs 7-9-3 R Cochrane	
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2.30 GOLDEN JUBILEE CHALLENGE TROPHY

HANDICAP (£6,379 1m 2t 21yd) (16)	
: 17) -000 VENDALDO 18 (CD.F.G.S) J.L. Hame 4-9-11. R. Haghes 2 13) 0200 SECRET ALY 39 (D.F.G) C Grahm 6-9-9 M. Roberts 2 13) 0200 SECRET ALY 39 (D.F.G) C Grahm 6-9-9 W. Myzan	98 91 94
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5 - 610 AL SPIGNETHAN 8 (7) Local 5-9-3 Amende Sanders (5) 6 - 31 0 103 RORY 49 (D.F.G.) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-3 Amende Sanders (5) 7 05 21 C R7V3A 71 (6) R Amendo 3-9-3 R Price	90 90 93
6 (14) 2032 DR AZAR 26 J FANSIBLE 3-9-1 G Wrang 5-9-2 M Hills 3 (16) -000 SADLER'S WALK 39 (B.D.F) G Wrang 5-9-2 M Hills 4 (16) -000 SADLER'S WALK 39 (B.D.F) G Wrang 5-9-2 M Hills	95
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14 (15) 2737 PRINCESS DANGETT TO (D.F.S) IS BOOK A Daly (5)	95 95
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3.00 DANNY WRIGHT MEMORIAL CONDITIONS

STAKES (£6,780: 6) 3yd) (2) 21 350 SERGEYEV 12 (D.F.G.) in Hannon 4-8-13 R Hughes 11 DOCD FUSSIAN REVIVAL 26 (D.F.) Saced bm Surror 3-8-11 Sagener to Hussan hemol

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 2) surmers from 87 nomers, 24.1%, 1 Gooder, 2) from 99, 23.6%, H Cecil, 21 from 91, 23.1%, D Loder, 10 from 47, 21.3%, L Commun, 15 from 77, 19.5%, J Eustace 6 from 32.18.8% JOCKEYS, R falls, 33 womers from 152 rides, 21.7%; L Defon, 26 from 132, 19.7%, R Hopter, 3 from 17, 17.6%, W Ryan, 24 from 138, 17.4%, M Hills, 25 from 155, 16.2%, R Cochrane, 15 from 94, 16.0%,

3.30 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (£3,113: 71 3yd) (16)

4.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HALVERGATE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,988: 61 3yd) (12)

5-2 The Farancey Tree, 9-2 Excellent Profile, 5-1 Wing And A Prayer, 8-1 Missis Mythecal, 10-1 City Gambler, 12-1 others. 4.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND

FLEGGBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES					
(2-Y-0: £4,201; 71 3yd) (17)					
1 (11) 0 BOLD WORDS 28 E Dunlop 9-0 R Hughes 78	ì				
2 (16) CHRYALRIC D Lode 9-0 L Deftori					
3 (9) 04 GENTLEMAN'S WORD 19 M Strude 9-0 K Bradshaw 91	ı				
4 (4) HADIOI D Morley 9-0 R Hole -					
5 (7) O HARMONY HALL 86 J Fanshaue 9-0 D Biggs _					
6 (2) 2 HARRY WOLTON 13 H Card 9-0 W Ryan E	ı				
7 (13) 6 LAJATTA 101 Current 9-0 R Firench (7) -					
8 (12) 6 MAJJAZI 27 (B) R Amstrong 9-0					
9 (17) B4 NOBLE REVESTMENT 23 J Eustace 9-0 R Cochrane 80	ı				
10 (15) 00 PRICHY GARDENS 24 J Bradley 9-B					
11 (8) RED GUARD G Wagg 9-0					
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16 (10) 5 PRETTY SHARP 26 4 Janvs 8-9 J F Egan 73					
17 (14) SUPERBELLE M Javes B-9 Broma O'Gorman	•				
5-2 Harry Wolton, 4-1 Chinolinic 5-1 Red Guard, 7-1 Gentleman's Word, 12-1 Haddil, Tango, 14-1 others					

5, 10 NORTH SEA HANDICAP (£4,159: 1m 3yd) (13)

5	(9)	2113	TALATHATA 25 (V,D,EE,F,G) C Dayer 4:9-9 Jo Hunnam (7)
7	(6)	5012	SOUTY TERM 21 (O.F.E.S) J Bradley 9-9-7_ C Lowins (7)
3	(11)	5601	CLORIANA 40 (D.F.S.) Laby Harmes 4-9-6 J Quine
,	(5)	3000	ACCESS ADVENTURER 11 (B.F.G) R Boss 5-9-4
	٠.		G Faudiner (5)
01	(4)	0363	DESERT LYNX 11 (G) I Watson 3-9-4 D Harrison
11	(1)	4404	PACLILLANC 12 (BP) L Current 3-9-2
12	(8)	4304	KAZIMIETA 11 W Essey 3-8-13 P Fessey (5)
13	(73)	(1054	MESSALE TOE 23 (F) J Banks 3-8-6
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BEVERLEY

THUNDERER 2.10 Soviet Lady. 2.40 Swiss Coast. 3.10 Lyrical Bid. 3.45 Mazīlia. 4.15 Taufan Boy, 4.50 Jhazi. 5.20 Present Imperiect. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4,50 Jhazi.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

	2.10 HUMBER ESTUARY NURSERY SELLING
	HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,565: 7l 100yd) (17 runners)
i	1 3551 SOWET LADY 26 (D,G) J Eyrs 9-7
ì	2 0060 PRESENTIMENT 12 J Berry 9-5 J Fortune 3
	3 DO44 NOT A LOT 23 M W Easterby 9-5 Date Glason 11
i	4 DS06 SCARROTS 35 S Williams 9-4 K Darley 15
	8 030 Midyans Song 98 J J O'NeN 9-0 T Sprake 14
ŀ	9 0006 CLASSIC PARTYGOER 11 M W Easterby 8-13 6 Parkin (5) 2
ı	10 6030 SEVER RAJ 28 W kamp 8-13 A Cottone 13
ı	11 2152 JMGOIST 8 (B.G) J L Hams 8-12 F Lynch (3) 16
	12 3560 RAHONA 9 8 Rethind 8-11 L Chamock 8
	13 4555 SHERATON GIRL 9 M Johnston 8-10
1	14 640 MISS ALUCE 24 J Norton 8-9 J Lowe 17
1	15 DOOD FLY DOWN TO RIO 14 D Arbuthron 8-8 M Sirch 9
	16 2466 APKULATE 28 W Kemp 8-5
	17 5000 SUPERSOOTS 39 W Halph 8-5 J Bramhill (7) 10
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6-1 Soviet Lady, 7-1 Jimpolst, 8-1 Marscalarus, Presentement, 10-1 Marsh Mangolst, 12-1 Scandts, Sheraton Grif, 14-1 others. **2.40** TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,964: 71 (190yd) (12)

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1	30	WHITE HOT 69 E Duresp 8-10 K Dar
2	05	WILLSOP 21 J Berry 8-9.
3	2473	SMISS COAST 14 AV ACI N Todder 8-9
4	00	GLOBETROTTER 12 M Johnston 8-7 8 Duffee
5		MOORBRO M Johnston 8-6 19948
8	0	600D JUDGE 14 M Hammond 8-4 K Fall
7		MURRAY GREY E Waynes 8-4 Date Gibe
ā	00	RIGHTY HO 14 P Waleyn 8-4 I Spri
q	00	SAM PERS 18 R Fater 8-4
10	AG5	PLUTARCH ANGEL 25 W Kemp 8-3 K Sked
	2222	RIVER OF FORTUNE 11 M Tompkins 8-1 M Heavy (
12	0320	FALLS O'MONESS 18 K Burle 8-0 IN Variey
11-4 F	liver (il	Forume, 7-2 Stees Coast 7-1 Rightly Ho, 8-1 White Hot, Mon
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3.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND GARROWBY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,756: 71 100yd) (5)

3.45 JOHN MANGLES MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,210: 1m 100yd) (19)

F3,210: 1m 10Uyd) (19) 1 0-20 FRIE PHANTASY 15 P (alver 3-5-11 ... M Birch 13 2 0000 MARADATA 6 F.(5) R Hollinchead 4-9-10 ... F Lymbi (3) 7 3 1550 ENCORE MYLADY 11 (C.F.G.S) F Lee 5-9-8 ... J Garnoll 8 4 130 MY 50050N 14 (B.C.F.G.S) J Frie 6-9-7 ... R R Lapoin 4 1 1113 MAZULA 39 (0.B.F.G.) A Street 4-9-6 ... R Handin (3) 12 6 2213 GUAF OF SUAM 35 (8F) Miss S Hall 3-9-6 ... R Name (3) 12 6 2213 GUAF OF SUAM 35 (8F) Miss S Hall 3-9-6 ... R Variey 16 8 00-6 SOLDIER COVE 14 (0.S) M Mexic 6-9-5 . D Sweeney (7) 9 9 2053 BENTICO 11 (0.F.G.) Mes N Mazadey 7-9-5 ... C Tesque (3) 16 0620 SPECIAL KT II (2.D.F.G.) E Name 3-9-3 ... P Roberts (5) 6 12 6220 FALCON'S HAMÉ 12 (CD.F. Ms J Remsden 3-9-2 K Falton 3 M Birch 13 10-1 Mando, 12-1 Setty Hitty, 14-1 others

19 5053 FOIST 13 (G) M W Easterby 4-8-10 . . . G Parkin (S) 1 5-1 Society Birl, 7-1 South Eastern Fred. 8-1 Falcon's Flame, 10-1 Tretched, MacRe, 17-1 Forst, Marphy's Gold, 14-1 others

4.15 FREDA AND JAMES HETHERINGTON HANDICAP (£4,081 1m 31 216yd) (15) 1 03-3 KALOU 11 (D.F) W Essy 5-9-10

2	0033	SOUTH SEA BUBBLE 32 (BF) L Current 4-9-10 K Darley 1
ã	2046	TAUFAN BOY 18 (G) P Hams 3-9-9 M Hessy (3)
- 4	3114	MISTER ASPECTO 24 (V.CO.MF.F.G) M Johnson 3-9-8
-	3114	I Milans 1
	2000	SHENANGO 40 G Wragg 3-9-5 G Milligan (7)
	3000	SUESMANN AN E AUSTR 2-20
- 6	3423	TOTEM DANCER 16 J Eyrs 3-9-4 R Lappin
7	-000	EXEMPTION 11 (B,F) H Carely 5-9-4 G Duraeld
8	256-	MENOO WHO 203J 5 Gollings 4-9-4 K Fallon
ă	14.	DEVILRY 1801 (F.S) R COOKS 6-9-2 A Haven (3)
- 46	0500	LEPKOM 9 B Hale 3-8-12 J Fortune 1
10	COUS	LEPHONA 9 B PAIG 3-0-12
71	550	INDIANA PRINCESS 24 Mrs M Reveloy 3-8-10 . A Coffiene 1
12	0440	ROAD RACER 13 Mrs. J Ramedan 3-8-3 J Carroll
13	2253	CAMPASPE 20 (CD,F) J Pitzgerald 4-8-0 F Lynch (3) 1
14	0050	MEXSIS STAR 11 Mrs 5 Smith 3-7-12 Date Glason 1
		NOR ESPRIT 20 (V) / Carr 3-7-11 N Kennedy
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4.5U ARAGON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0; £3,735; 51) (16)

8 O HIGHT CHORUS 13 B Rathwell 9-0 L Chamock 9 Disho Risky Rusht 9 (B) A Smith 9-0	45 .	0. 2	2,1 cc. ci) (10)
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5.20 END OF SEASON MAIDEN STAKES

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1	2		GAD YANDUN M Meagher 3-8-13 J Fortune
	3		GAY BREEZE P Feloale 3-8-13 G Duffiek
4	4	0240	GOOD TO TALK 11 (BP) I Easterby 3-8-13 M Birci
			MANOLO 11 (B) J Berry 3-9-13 J Carrol
ı	6	-000	AVANT HUIT 68 (V) Mrs N Marauley 4-8-9 C Teagus (3) BENT RANWAND 65 E Incise 3-8-8
١	7	040	BENT RAIWAND 65 E Incist 3-8-8 Kim Tinks
	8	0000	BRIN-LOOSE 9 × Bridgmater 3-8-8 N Variey (3
	9		DAISY BATES 11 P Hants 3-8-8
- 1	10		DEWINDRST HOUSE 11 W Heigh 3-8-8 R Lappir
	11	45	FOREIGN RELATION 11 P Webber 3-8-8 Dale Gibson
1	12	B-	MACS CLAN 405 Mes J Bone 3-8-8 S D WELZING
	13	8000	PAPER MAZE 33 E Orien is 3-8-8 . R Cody-Booksher (7)
1	14	ā	PRESENT MAPERITECT 39 Bailding 3-8-8 T Spraigs
i	15	0300	SWIFTY METY 11 W Haigh 3-8-8 R Havin (3
			perfect, 3-1 (talsy Bates, 9-2 Devitues) House, 6-1 Foreign Relate

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: D Loder, 17 womers from 30 numers, 56.7%; \ Carneni, 8 from 23, 34.9%, John Berry, 3 from 10, 30.0%; P Watevn, 4 from 15, 36.7%, P Harris, 8 from 31, 25.6%; J Farshave, 6 from 29, 20.7%. JOCKEYS: T Sprain, 4 winners from 19 rides, 21 1%, K Oarley, 53 from 265, 20 0%, 3 Carroll. 18 from 107, 16 8%, G Duffeld, 11 from 74, 14 9%, K Fallon, 26 from 195, 13,3%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yarmouth

Gaing: good
2.35 (im 3f 101yd) 1. TART (FR) (D Hamson 15-8 lavl, 2. Ballpolmt (R Perisen, 9-2): 3. Claud Up (J F Egan, 25-1) 14.50
RAN 7 Stale Approval (Sin, 8 Inclin. Time For Tea, 16 liteh Sea (5th), 20 Chocolete ke (4th), 50 Seeking Destiny 10 ran NR Fyon NK, 1% I, rk, kl, kl, J Fanshawe at Neumankel Tote; 12.30, 12.10, 12.10, 55 80 DF 16.50. The, 265-50. CSF 19.46. ES 80 DF: 66.50, Tiro, 865.50, CSF. 93.46.
3.10 (Im. 21.21), Balaisulos (J. Fortune: 11-11.
21, Berenice (M. Hills, 25-11. ALSO RAN: 9-4 tax Bun Stacts)/d (601), 4 Annaba (501), 11-2 Yamuna, 16. Sardomo: 20. Inchyre: 4th), Paloma Bay 9 ran 38-1, dol-th, 1-14, sh hd. 141. M. Stoute at Newmantst, Tore 26.20; C1-40 Belaisika C3.10, Berenice C4.10 DF: Herme Valley, Balaisuka C16.40, Flame Valley, Benerice 21.00 Tho 1134.80 CSF. Flame Valley, Balaisuka C3.25.8. Flame Valley, Boronice E4.55.
3.45 (61.43) C1.5.AH-EEEL (L. Defron, 4-5.34)

Velley, Boronice E44,55.
3-45 (6f 4)vol 1, Sal-HEEEL (L Delton, 4-5 lav); 2, Wollstonecraft (G Hard, 4-1), 3, Smithercers (Fochsens, 7-1) ALSO RAN-6 Shavnsky (Sth), 14 American Less (4th), 40 Timely Times (6th), 6 ran, 3, 1 Ni, 3, 2 Vt., 9 Saced bin Surgor al Neumarket Tote C1 50; C1 10, 20 D DF 12-20 CSF 14 35 4 15 (74,50x); CANDASS HEART (N Iba 4.15 (St 14) LE DO DE 12:20 CSF 14:35
4.15 (St 43yd) 1, CANOVAS HEART (N Day, 6-1); 2, Longwick Lad (L Dentoi, 4-1), 3, Portelet (P BloomSed, 2-1 tav) ALSO RAN 15-2 Premium Gitt (4th), 8 Primute Barm, Spender (6th), 16 Sally Stade (6th), Sweet Mogic, 8 ran, 11, w), w), w), 2 %1 Bcb Jones at Newmarket, Tore: £7.80; £2.00, £1.60, £1.10 DF; £21.30 CSF £27.97, Tricast, £58.62

ESB.62
4.45 (7: 3yd) 1, HOW'S YER FATHER Amanda Sanders, 9-11; 2, Best Kept Secret (Anthrony Bond, 25-1) 3, Lucky Revenge (R Hevlin, 9-2 fay) ALSO RAN 6 Morring Surprise (5th), 7 Nestat, 15-2 Uncle George (6th), 8 Spenish Stopper, 12 Mediate, Miss Walsh, Onel Lad (4th), 18 Duo Master, 20 Square Mile Miss, 25 Denk Shrd, 33 Farfeste, Massa Man, 40 Frutine, Ginas Girl, Narmy-B, Venus Victorious, 50 Wahab 20 ran 191, kd, 1, kl, 31, 81, 4 Hodges at Somerton, Tote Sa 40, 23 60, 283-20, £2.10 DF; £69.60, Tino 598-20 CSF; £264-42, \$98.20 CSF: \$204.42 \$.20 (7) 3yd) 1, MADAME CHINNERY (R 5.20 (7) 3yd) 1, MADAME CHINNERY (R 5.21, 3, Lucky Calcurood (G Fauliner, 7-2) ALSO RAN 100-30 lay Scarlet Crescent, 11-2 Chein Reaction, 9 Abstone Queen (4th), 12 Misty Cay (5th), 20 Singfor-yoursupper (6th), 8 and 2, 4, 154, 9, 334) Eustace at Novembriet Toto: \$6.20, \$1.50, \$2.20, \$2.00 DF: \$18.60 CSF, \$136.74 Tricast \$130.80 Placepot: £72.40.

Quadpot: £7.00. Sandown Park Going: good to firm

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2.15 [St Byd] 1, GAELIC STORIM (B Doyle, 15-2); 2, Heart Throb (F Lynch, 9-4); 3, Rise in Shine (Pat Eddary, 8-1), ALSO RAN 15-8 (av Hype Energy (Shi), 8 Northern Gat (4th) 16 Hever Golf Lover, 20 Come Togethor, Knygdown Tru, Wee Dram (Bhi), 25 Dom Ruman, 33 Flathwe's First, Geordie Lad, 50 M R Poly, Swift 14 ran, 114] 32-1, hd, 31, shid M Johnston at Middleham Tote (7.60; 52.00, £1.70, £1.80, £2.40 Tho: £4.70 CSF £25.88 2.50 11m 1syd) 1, Filh (Pat Eddary, 4-7 tay, Newmarket Correspondent's nap), 2, Alphabet (W R Swirburn, 5-2), 3, Listed Account (K Darley, 10-1), ALSO RAN 33 French Miss (Shi), Indian Raptue (6th), 40 Logica (ath), 55 Push A Vernue 7 ran 144, 11-1, shid, Si shid H Cool at Newmarket

Tote: \$1 60, \$1 10, \$1 60 DF \$1 50 CSF \$2 30 23.90
3.26 (7) 16yd) 1, RAMG (Pal Eddery 11-4 tav), 2, Don't Get Caught (9 Doyle, 3-1) 3 Glowmy Jacks (9 Carter, 12-1) ALSO RAN 9-2 Traysbad, 7 Bue Plyer (5m), 15-2 Maerian City (6m), 14 Dancing Hoart Hilly 50 Baibrailen, Hadhadabble 9 ran, 1-1, 11, 11-21, rik. Mrs L Slubbs at York Tote C3 00; C180, C130, C2.50 DP, C3 90 Timo C23 50; CSF: 210 60 Tricest C72 82 4.00 (Im 14yd) 1, BARNUM SANDS (Pal Ecdery, 5-6 fav), 2. Chema Paradiso (T Oumn, 11-10), 3, Princess Of Hearns (B Doyle, 20-11) 3 fan. 3, 2% J Dunlop et Arundet Tote C1 90 DF C1 10 CSF C1 98 Arunder fole 1: 90 DF 1: 10 CSF C 198
4.30 (Im 1940) 1, PATEFULLY (J. Red. 7:4
1av), 2, Sandhill (Pat Eddory, 8-1), 3, Hippy
(B Doyle, 8-1), ALSO (RAN 5 Blessed Spiri (Shi), 11-2 Tsamisa (4th), 8 Tameen (6th),
14 Kirov Lady, 16 Marpaina, 33 Agrella 9
ran 291, 41, 141, 41 141, Sased bin Succovat Newmarkst, Tote 12:50, 21:20, 53:30.
51:90 DF 11:200 The 138:80 CSF
51:55 Tinged 193:60

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: IVOR'S DEED (3.30 Yarmouth) Next best: Confronter (5.10 Yarmouth)

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Eddery, who rode the second horse,

finish to the St Leger on Saturday, two jockeys, Frankie Dettori, who

Dushyantor, were both banned for overuse of the whip. wedge through the country: all macho posturing on one side, all gentleness and caring on the other. And, strange to relate, the macho types are those involved with horses;

do with the animals. "Most people go into horses because they love them, and then somehow get led along the path that says, if they want to get anywhere, they have to lose the feeling for the animal itself." Apposite words in an excellent and intriguing book " I am

Robert Wright said yesterday in this newspaper that the vet "cares above all for the wellbeing of the

nce again, racing is up to its thoroughbred but also understands that it is bred for a purpose". The implication of this is that humans can do what they like with a horse. Humans, after all, created it, gave it life. The rights of humans over horses are total.

The next stage is to say that horses "are stupid". I have heard this rather too many times, and often from It is one of those issues that drives a people who spend their lives with horses. They must The tendency to

be stupid to let humans get on their backs." See that bloke over there? He must be stupid; he just bought me a drink. No. not stupid, generous. But

the softies generally have nothing to not simply generous: he is entering an unwritten agreement. You are supposed to be decent enough to buy him a drink back. That is how it works, you see: a contract of reciprocal generosity.

It is more than a question of horses being bred for some human purpose. The whole issue is a two-way street. And that involves responsibility, not just for "the thoroughbred" as an abstract entity, but for horses as individuals. It is a matter of simple SIMON BARNES

Why the whip must be the rider's last resort



Midweek View

decency. I write here not as an idealist, but as a practical horseman, one who is engaged in schooling a four year-old with a view to eventing. He is a very decent animal, but also a stroppy teenager who wants to test the limits. This can be an exciting business. The other day, so eager was he to rejoin his friends that he managed a full rear with half-twist. Right at the top, he lost control of it,

on the top of a fence.

He could have done some fairly serious damage to either or both of us but, thank God, he didn't. Next time he tried it, I was a bit quicker, and I gave him two sharp backhanders with a whip. And that sorted that out (that day) and it was back to the preferred regimen of positive reinconsistent and fair."

another voice in the same book says. Precisely. The whip can. then, be useful. I

is unacceptable' don't object to its use in principle or even in practice, but it is my last resort. For some, male and from "those animal rights people" female, coarsened by the macho he'sgotta-respect-you attitude, it is the first. The tendency to coarseness runs right through racing, mostly because

we are talking about very considerable sums of money. But money does not give us the right to break the For a jockey, striving to keep the balance between the wrath of his

and landed with both front legs stuck they whip, damned if they don't. My response is simple: hard luck. That is the nature of the job. You get to fly with the angels for your living, so accept that there are a few difficult

The Jockey Club is right to jump on jockeys who push their horses and their luck too far. The exact framework of the rules may or may not forcement and reward. "Logical, need tinkering with, but any kind of

'Any walloping

free-for-all

walloping free-for-all is utterly unacceptable. The phrase "animal rights" has become the ultimate knee-jerk negative argument to questions such as this. Anything that comes

must be wrong. Arguments in favour of animal rights are traditionally resisted, rather than met, by philosophers and by too many horse people My belief is that moral responsibility is something that goes beyond the barrier of species, just as it goes

*Reading the Horse's Mind by Jackie Budd, published by Ringpress trainer and the wrath of the stewards, it is a difficult business: damned if

beyond that of race.

RADIO CHOICE

Mix-up over Pope Moses

When Mary Met Solly. Radio 4, 8.30pm.

When a Jew marries a catholic, and they bring up their chidren in both faiths, there is the prospect of one child believing the Pope is called Moses, and the other believing that Jesus received the Ten called Moses, and the other beneving that seems there are fer Commandments at Lourdes. Apocryphal? Not according to Sue Margolis's inquiry into the good and bad things that can happen in mixed-faith marriages. One Catholic mother whose three sons were circumcised to placate their father baptised them herself over the kitchen sink. Some Jewish-Catholic couples are only spiritually divided. Others are physically separated. One Jewish husband constantly goes home to his mother and tucks into her cooking. The most potent symbol of a twin-faith marriage in When Mary Met Solly is the Star of David on top of a Christmas tree.

In Tune. Radio 3, 5.15pm.

No music-orientated citizen of Leeds needs reminding that something special is afoot in the city this week. The 12th Leeds International Piano Competition is into its last few days. The 260 pianists from 45 countries who applied to take part were whittled down to about 100, and it is these hopefuls who have been trying to impress the judges in the preliminary stages. Last night we heard highlights from round one of the semi-finals. Tonight we hear some of the second-round recitals. Six finalists, playing their chosen concertos, face the final test on Friday and Saturday.

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6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Nicky Horne 7.90 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Benks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

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Valkyries)
9.00 Morning Collection, with
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(Concerto in G. \$215); Berlioz
(Trista); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D)

Mark Rowlinson, Starrford (Irish Rhapsody No.3); Gaspar Sarrz (Pasacalles); Devid Ellis (Sinfionetta); Respight (Dalta stivarie); Schubert (12 Waltzes, 1989)

1.00pm Manchester Summer Recitals. In the last recital in

this year's series, the Vellinger Quartet performs one of the works Haydn composed for violin virtuoso Johann Tost, his colleague at Esterhazy, and the quartet that response to his study of Beethoven's late A minor quarter 2.00 Midweek Choice, includes

Berlioz (Overture, Les Francs-Juges); Reich (Music for Large Ensemble); Chopin (Cello Sonata in G minor, Op

4.00 Choral Vespers. Live from the Brompton Oratory in

London 5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 in Tune: The Leeds
International Plano
Competition. See Choice 7,30 Three Choirs Festival 1996, A concert given lest month at Worcester Cathedral inspired by the works of American poet Walt Whitman. With Judith Howarth, soprano, and Paul Whelen, baritone, Holst

Dallus (Sea Dritt); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 1: A Sea Symphony) Novellats. Tibor Fischer reads from his third novel The Collector Collector, A story told by a clay vessel which, through exposure to many different owners, has developed a great understanding of human

nature 9.40 Organ Rhapsodies, Herbert Howelis (Ops 17 Nos 2 and 3) With Stephen Cleobury,

organ 19.00 Volces, Jain Burnside takes to the road with some

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Wanderfust songs (r)

10.45 Night Waves, Tony Palmer chars a discussion on the file and legacy of Cecil Rhodes, one of the most controversial figures of the British Empire. His extraordinary career shaped the history of Africa and is the subject of en and is the subject of an series, which Night Waves reviews. Plus the film writer David Thompson discusses the subject of his new

biography, another ambitious and talented figure — Orson Welles
11.30 Composers of the Weelc
Bach (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with

of Land Army girls during the Second World War. With Somentha Bond, June Barne and Louise Lombard 2.45 The New Recruit: Dinner Ladies (1/4) (r) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidor cope. Paul Gambaccint sees John Carpenter's sequel to Escape From New York, this time set

4.45 Short Story: Ma Malson by Julio Gregson. Chaos is on the menu at a restaurant in the Blue Mountains of Anetration

Women (3/10) (r) 12/48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

poems (3/5) 11.00 My Life as a Car. Phil Daniels stars in a comedy sense, by Mark Wallington.

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RUGBY UNION

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Voyle earns vote as Wales seek greater mobility

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THOUGH Wales have yet to become completely ensuared in the dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its potential players, they will have been relieved yesterday to name a team to play France in Cardiff next Wednesday that shows only one English-based player, Gareth Uewellyn. In view of their heavy programme between now and Christmas, the last thing they want is for rugby's version of the "English disease" to creep over the Severn

Representatives of the exiled playing communities in England have already had talks with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs over their contractual responsibilities and release for international duty. However, Terry Cobner. Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) director of rugby, believes that the relationship between him, the players and

their clubs remains healthy. "It was a concern to us the moment players went to England. This is why we have tried to keep them in Wales," Cobner said. "I have no information that we have any problems, but it would be very regrettable if we were not allowed access to our internationals in England," Cobner acknowledged that control over players, 20 of whom are now contracted direct to the WRU, was a significant factor in discussions with the Welsh clubs and an advantage that the RFU would love to have.

lock, is part of a team showing two changes from that which beat the Barbarians last month. One of them involves his second-row partner, where Mike Voyle replaces Derwyn Jones, while Hemi Taylor, fit again after injury, reclaims his place in the back row from Kingsley Jones on the grounds

of greater physical presence. The returning rugby league players must wait their chance, possibly until the

Bath, becoming the first to resume his Wales career, but week and is not expected to be

adjust to the union game," Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, said of Webster, Scott

TEAM

WALES: W T Proctor (Llanelli); I C Evans (Llanelli), L B Device (Cardiff), N G Device (Llanelli), G Thomas (Endoprod); N R Jernicans (Porthypridd), R Howing (Cardiff); G D Loader (Swisness), J M Humphreys (Cardiff) captain), J D Device (Neeth, H T Taylor (Cardiff), M J Voyle (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Hartequers), M E Williams (Pontyprodd), S Williams (Neath) Replacements: S D HM (Cardiff), A C Thomas (Swensea), P John (Pomyprodd), K Johns (Ebbw Vale), S C

meeting with Italy in Rome on October 5. There was a good prospect of Richard Webster. late of Salford and now with the flanker damaged medial ligaments in his knee last

fit before the end of the month. They still need time to Gibbs, Stuart Evans and David Young, who were named in the squad last week. "It's a measure of their professionaltheir form and fitness. Their professional attitude has already rubbed off on the other squad players and they are all encouraging Voyle, 26, won his first cap

as a replacement against Australia on tour last summer. since when he has joined Llanelli from Newport. This season, the emphasis has switched away from 6ft 10in giants such as Jones, since support for the jumper is now legal and the scrum has become the more significant set-piece area as teams at-

tempt to keep the ball in play. "Mike will give us ability. attitude and an all-round contribution which is needed in the new game," Bowring said. "I'm sure he will maintain the quality of our lineout."

Voyle will jump at the front, while the experienced Llewellyn reverts to the middle, where most of his club rugby has been played. Whether Jones can make his way back will depend on whether he can display the added mobility that has been a notable feature of England's tallest lineout player, Martin Bayfield.

Bowring was less than pleased at the disruption to training on Monday night. caused by Swansea and Pontypridd changing their league fixture to last night. "If I can't schedule regular Monday practice sessions for the national squad we may have to revert to weekend sessions and invoke the six-day rule



Voyle shows the lineout ability that Wales hope will unsettle France next week

Llewellyn, the Harlequins ism that they are honest about once more," he said. North unhappy about Twickenham's perceived neglect

By DAVID HANDS

ENTHUSIASM for the divisional concept may be far from uniform in England, but the North, as ever, will sustain it as the principal plank in their playing structure. The North selectors meet at Sale on September 28, working on the assumption that players must be available and eligible for England, and therefore they will not choose rugby league players whose involvement with rugby union

Paul Turner, having moved to

Answers from page 39

ANABIOSIS

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(c) Revival after apparent death. Reanimation after a come so deep that all the vital signs have become imperceptible. From the Greek ana up. again + bios and associated words, life. As you

sip your ante-jentacular coffee, you call out to your firstborn:
"Tom, pop into the bedroom and ascertain whether anabiosis has set in with your mother yet."

(c) Of no value, trifling, of no account, as insubstantial as a cloud, pointless. From the Latin nugae clouds.

(a) Wailing and weeping together. From the Latin, "Is your mother coming over this Christmas, darling, for the customary seasonal comploration?"

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the Wales coaching hierarchy, is no longer available to coach the North. However, David Stubbs and Mark Nelson remain from last season's panel and will prepare the squad for games against Queensland, the New Zealand Barbarians and the Junior Springboks in November, and against Argentina on December I.

At their most recent meeting, the divisional representatives expressed sharp criticism over neglect by Twickenham of the domestic scene.

Bedford and accepted a position in Football Union that so many people are working so hard for the game and being badly let down." John Branthwaite, the North chairman, said. "The focus of attention at Twickenham has been so much on the game is being overlooked."

There is no excuse for the paralysis which seems to have gripped the overall administration since the advent of open rugby," he said.
"If the workload has increased so

to affect the running of the game.

pions could be heading for trouble in Verona tonight

(Nicholas Harling writes). "I know nothing about Verona," Cadle insisted between his team's opening two league victories at the weekend. "I've seen nothing of them." But Cadle, who is hecoming a psychological master of European basketball tactics, will have gleaned all he can of Towers' opponents during the Italian leg of

compete in Europe. Having lost Austin and Brown, Cadle has become their pre-season tour. "I know they had us watched," he said, "but we've dependent on Paul Deppisch. a newcomer, whose tally of 16 changed people around since three-point shots over the then." Indeed, Cadle has volweekend has demonstrated untarily dispensed with the that Towers may yet possess leelander. Gudmundur

Dennis Lillee yesterday followed Graham Gooch in declining the job as county coach, forcing Lancashire to resume the search for a highprofile figure to transform their moribund championship cricket.

Despite winning both knockout cup finals, Lancashire stand only two places off the bottom of the county championship entering the last round of fixtures.
Since losing David Lloyd to

the Australian Cricket Board.

Union Clubs (Epruc) and their desire

for self-determination: "Maybe the

time has come for the rank and file to

speak out once again." Branthwaite

added ominously, referring to the

Whoever is appointed is likely to be working alongside Mike Watkinson who, despite much speculation to the contrary, retains the unanimous support of the committee to continue as captain next Watkinson has permission to miss the final game of the

summer, along with all-rounder lan Austin, as they

are representing England in

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thing on Saturday.

Towers will undoubtedly

miss the height of their 6ft 11in

centre as much as they will

lack the resilience in the back

court of his England team-

mate. Karl Brown, who broke

his right foot last month. Nor

can Towers call on Tony

Windless, their American for-

ward, who is ineligible to

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the Hong Kong sixes. With Michael Atherton, the the job of England coach. FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 684; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, lan Hughes, Rosemery Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamers. Lancashire have been trawl-England captain, also resting. ing the cricket world for a the prospects of improving their position by beating the outgoing champions. Warsuitable replacement and the unavailability of Lillee comes the man to shock the Italians. | as a serious blow, "I was wickshire, seem slim.

two special general meetings called by the RFU earlier this year. two major issues that 98 per cent of dramatically, then it is up to the RADIO 4 people who control these things to "If another special meeting were 5.55 Shipping Forecast (LW only)
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Weather 6.10 Farming Today
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and 7.45 Thought for the Day
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Sir Alec Gunness reads his
own "diary of a retiring actor"
(3/5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News Branthwaite acknowledged that called now and Epruc's involvement sort out the staffing and make sure 5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and the RFU had been involved in a in our game were put to the vote, I'm decisions are made which keep the Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5,55 Weather game moving until working parties considerable decision-making prosure what the outcome would be, It 6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of British 1996, Robert Robinson chairs the knal of cess over the five nations' championand sub-committees report back." would not involve upping the £22.5 million handout to pay crazy con-tracts which shouldn't have been ship in recent weeks but contended There is little sympathy in the that the dispute with the leading North for the arguments proposed by the English Professional Rugby the nationwide of "It is a sad reflection on the Rugby English clubs should not be allowed agreed in the first place." wledge quiz (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers. Brian goes cap 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Times columnist Libby Purves BASKETBALL CRICKET 7.20 Face the Facts John West and his learn of investigators follow up listeners' 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) Cautious Cadle silent 10.00 News; Ret (FM) (2/6) complaints.
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12.25pm Messala FM (3/6) 12.55 Choice Companion to the Cosmos. John Gribbin traverses the on Towers tactics in move for Lillee Weather 1.00 The World at One With Nick universe (4/5) 9.30 Kaleldoscope IF LONDON Towers are as Bragason, and added Alan LANCASHIRE'S committee is extremely interested," Lillee Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The
Nettan's Favourite PoemsJohn Nettes, Sobhan badly prepared for the tricky Cunningham to his squad. to meet tonight for an urgent Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 said yesterday. "I perceived it start to their European Cup but it was not in his plans that appraisal of a season that has as a great challenge at this stage of my career." He was Shipping Forecast

2.00 News: Cinderate D-Day, by
Julia Stoneham. A sequel to
Cinderate Service which programme as Kevin Cadle, brought two trophies yet dis-Neville Austin would travel their coach, would suggest, out on crutches, having sufmayed many of their 14,000 unable, however, to extricate Redmond, Greg Wise and Emma Fielding read a the Budweiser League Chamfered a badly sprained left members (Alan Lee writes), himself from commitments to continues the story of a group ankle during the win at Worselection from the top 50

CHRES HAPPIES

Demolishing an absolutely fabulous theory

a curse, especially when you watch a lot of television. For the first five minutes of last night's terrific Timewatch: The History of a Mystery (BBC2). I was squirming and munering and blowing steam out of my ears. Didn't they remember The Holy Blood and the Holy Grain. "Rennes-le-Château has been done!" I said, amazed. Surely everyone remembers that historian bloke with the beard, who kept saying "Rennes-le-Château" and "Et in Arcadia ego" with such resonance and conviction? It was a Chronicle in the 1970s. The mystery of Rennes-le-Château in France all boiled down to Knights Templar and secret Rosicrucians and Jean Cocteau, and Joseph of Arimathaea. Good grief, hand me that Poussin painting, and I'll draw you a strangely convincing

sorry, but the story of Rennes-le-Chateau tends to affect people like this, they get carried away. Which was why last night's highly sceptical Timewatch was so worthwhile. Henry Lincoln's old Chronicle programmes and Holy Blood book were not ignored, not at all. But another big-buck book on Rennes is being published - The Tomb of God - which takes Lincoln's evidence and reinterprets it. drawing new lines on maps and pictures and tilting them at different angles, all to prove (wait for it) that Jesus Christ died a natural death in France. And over at Timewatch, something snapped. This time you've gone too far!" they said. "Stand back, a history unit is coming through!"
You couldn't help feeling sorry

for the two authors of this new book. Anonymous jeans-wearers with knapsacks, they were consid-If this sounds like raving, I'm ry Lincoln, and the only thing

interesting about them was the £300,000 they'd made. Filmed in long-shot, they studied maps in the French countryside, and pointed at hills. Poor patsies, Little did they know. Timewatch was setting out to show that the cabalistic "mystery" of Rennes was based on 20thcentury fabrications, compounded by bad historical method. Brains behind the scam was the man Lincoln famously tracked down the so-called "last of the Merovingians". Alas, the royal genealogy was forged (copied from a children's magazine) and this con-man's real ancestor was a lothcentury walnut-grower.

emolishing the credibility of the new book was a simple matter. "The original parchments, have you seen them?" asked Timewatch. "No. nobody has," said the Meek Jeaned Ones. Cut to a French historian who knows the whole story of the REVIEW



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forgery, who holds up bits of paper. "This is the original," he says. Historical method usually involves checking things, you see, yet key things in the Rennes-le-Chateau story seem to have passed unchecked for years. Did the priest at Rennes really travel to Paris in 1900, and collect a copy of the Poussin painting (to draw lines on itl? Everybody says he did, but when the Louvre records were fin-

"Non". "Have you checked that?" asked Timewatch. "We have not checked that," came the reply.

You can understand why these chaps got obsessed, however. Sixteen years after the Henry Lincoln programme I went to the Royal Academy Poussin exhibition and toyed with a ruler in my pocket. The hunger for symbols and secrets is normal enough - why else did people go bonkers looking for Kit Williams's golden hare? What Timewatch exposed so neatly last night was bad history, history which makes its own rules, and turns airy supposition into equally airy QEDs by the simplest sleight of hand. The fact that most journalism - and particularly television journalism - does the same thing every day of the week was conveniently ignored.

Still, at least we won't bother with Rennes-le-Château any more. Our young authors refuse to be cowed, maintaining that the con-spiracy is bigger than all of us. If another non-starter in its way. there appear to be inconsistencies and omissions, blame those damn Rosicrucians. You can't help admiring their spirit.

I lsewhere it was a funny night for factual television.
Channel 4's Nuremberg was almost anti-documentary, in a way, because it contained no screaming revisionism. It's a basic thing about historical films, that they must overturn all your former beliefs. "You thought the First World War ran from 1914 to 1918? Wrong!" But this quiet, unflashy Nuremberg was utterly straight-forward, a little history lesson, well told. The trials fell apart in 1949, it said, because the West didn't want Germany further demoralised. Nazi industrialists were needed back at the factories. The Russians were the true enemy, after all.

Finally, Network First Three

featuring the Richard Branson round-the-world flight that never took off, a cheerful disaster perfectly narrated by David Stafford, a man with a suitably puncturing style of wit. "Not even all the hot air in Downing Street could get the balloon off the ground," wise-cracked Stafford when Branson phoned John Major with his little Libyan air-space problem. It was all like that — very entertaining, but going nowhere. While the balloon of the title was unrolled, inflated, deftated and rolled up again (twice), the three men went through similar contortions of ego. Along with Branson and his Swedish balloon engineer came Rory, a public school former pilot with a finely shaped cranium who kept explaining nervously: "I'll be right because I'm a fully qualified sky-diver!" Very reassuring for the other two, I imagine.

6.00am Business Breakfast (47586) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (78857) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (5956627) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1139673) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (47302) 11.00 News (Ceeiga) (4428505) 11.06 Son of the Morning Star (r) (Ceetax) (59911979) 12.40pm Blooming Lovely (1) (19999895)

12.50 Holiday Outings (19995079) 1.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (71944)

1.30 Regional News (45171383) 1.40 Neighbours (Cee(ax) (s) (32449302) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6014895) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1643673) 3.00 A Week In the Country (s) (5654)

3.30 Ants in Your Pants (r) (s) (8934147) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (s) (8914383) 4.10 Get Your Own Back, Child-ren turn the tables on an assortment of adults (Ceefex) (s)

4.35 Cartoon Critters (Ceelax) (s) (4657050) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7747166) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (3) (2450925) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (281012)

6.30 Regional news magazines (147) 7.00 Small Talk. Adults unravel the minds of nine children and discover who knows best (Ceelax) (8073)

6.00 News and weather (Caelax) (895)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Featuring a disturbing new computer, which enables doctors to help the terminally ill to commit suicide (Ceelax) (s) (401)

8.00 Big Cat Diary. Simon King and Jonathan Scott's second film from Kenya's Masai Mara finds them tracking the majestic animals after dark (Ceelax) (s) (6383)

8.30 Next of Kin. Maggle and Andrew have been looking after their grandchildren for 12 hours and already one of them is in casualty (r) (Ceetax) (s) (5418)

Liberal Democrats (Ceslax) (100895) 9.05 News, regional news and weather

(Ceelan) (584673) 9.35 The Thin Blue Line. Fowler plans camping trip for young offenders, while Di Grim favours giving them a short sharp

shock: (r) (Ceefax) (s) (186215) 10.05 QED: Pride and Prejudice. A look a now psychologists help patients with tacial disfigurements to come to terms with the way they look(Ceelax) (s

(607383) 10.35 International Come Dancing. Pose-merie Ford and Charles Nove introduce Europe's top formation team, Bremer haven from Germany, as they compete against the United kingdom, the holders the current Come Dancing title

(Ceelax) (s) (573050) 11.30 FILM: Ruby Cairo (1992) with Andie McDowell and Liam Neeson. A woman's life is turned upside down when her Mexico Faced with unpaid bills and a cripping mortgage she flies out to Mexico to bury him, where a further shock awaits her Graeme Clifford directs (529895)

1.15am Weather (2288242)

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6.00am O U: Maths (2155673) 6.25 Electrons and Photons (2174708) 6.50 Rural Life (6447751)

7.15 See Hear News (8546302) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunics (9898692) 7.55 Growing Up Wild (r) (2057128) 8.20 Christopher Crocodile (r) (1850760) 8.25 Monty (r) (8273418) 8.35 Lassie (r) (2419302) 9.00 içi Paris (1156465) 9.25 See You, See Me — Health (8434050) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8548586) 10.00 Playdays (62708) 10.30 Number-time (5683760) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (5688215) 11.00 Around Scotland (3117993) N.L. Primery Focus 11.20 Music Makers (5528944) 11.40 English Express (3166302) 12.00 German Globo (7014586) 12.05pm Seeing Through Science (8624370)

12.30 Working Lunch (97895) 1.00 Geography Programme (73885079) 1.20 Thunderbirds in Hindi (63377321) 1.25 Zig Zag (73864586) 1.45 Come Outside (45181760) 2.00 Christopher Crocodile (r) (89135875) 2.05 Monty (r) (80585316) 2.10 National Trust Gardens (61135055)

2.15 FILM: The Long Road Home (1990). Depression drama, with Mark Harmon. Directed by John Korty (238234)

3.55 News (4657302) 4.00 Today's the Day (760) 4.30 Ready, Steedy, Cook (944) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9303302) 5.40 The Flying Vet (743437) 6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (r) (Ceetax) (s) (656789)

6.45 Kicking and Screaming. Former England managers and stars of the 1970s and 1980s recall the agony and the ecstasy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (794708)



Paul Broughton as Eddie (7.30pm)

7.30 Scene: Terraces. Danny faces losing his friends and family, all because he refuses to paint his house canary yellow in support of his local football team (r) (Ceetax) (s) (673)

8.00 Decisive Weapons: T34 — The Queen of Tanks (Ceelax) (s) (4925) 8.30 The Fred Dibnah Story. Fred finds himself pursued by women wishing to

share his life (4/7) (Ceelax) (6780) N.L.: 9.00 Changing Rooms, Neighbours swap houses to do a bit of decorating (Ceetax)

9.30 Railway Journeys: Great Zimbabwe to Killimatinde (Ceelax) (s) (799741)

10.25 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (Subtitled) (200654) 10.30 Newsnight (Cestax) (355741) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceefax) (s) (200302) 11.40 Seinfeld (Ceefax) (s)

(812321) **12.05am Grace under Fire** (s) 12,30-6,00 The Learning Zone

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Decisive Weapons BBC2, 8.00pm

To claim, as this film does, that the T34 changed the course of history may be an exaggeration but it was the best tank of the Second World War and it deserves to be celebrated. Thanks largely to the T34 the Soviet Union was able to withstand Hitlers onslaught at the crucial battle of Kursk in 1943 and ensure that from then onwards the German Army would be in retreat. The T34 was notable for its wide tracks, which gave mobility over snow and soft ground, sloping armour and the size of its gun. The bigger German Tiger tanks were no match. Many women and children were among those who worked exhaustingly long hours to produce the T34. Women also drove it. One calls it the queen of tanks. Other weapons featured in the series include the Harrier Jump Jet, the Bell-Huey helicopter and the longbow.

The Visit: Rebecca's Secret

ITV, 9.00pm Desmond Wilcox has tracked down more stories of great personal courage and persuaded those involved to come on television to talk about it. The Handel family is, tragically, a perfect Wilcox subject. Blood given to Rebecta Handel to help with the birth of her daughter. Bonnie, turned out to be contaminated. Rebecca, David, her husband, and Bonnie all contracted HIV. When the film opens Rebecca and Bonnie have died and David, now living in Canada, is mortally ill. This leaves Joshua, the 16year-old son, who is free of HIV but soon to forced the Handels to keep it secret, much to their distress. The programme includes interviews with Rebecca and Bonnie, given to Esther Rantzen, aka Mrs Wilcox, just

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9,30pm

An African-American professor at Harvard. Zimhabwe, Zambia and Tanzania in search of his roots. He takes his family, determined to inspire them with the importance of his inspire them with the importance or his mission. But his white wife seems quietly unimpressed and his teenage daughters cannot wait to get home, by which they do not mean Africa. Refusing to be discouraged, Gates ingratiates himself with the locals, lauds the strength of African culture and denounces slavery and colonialism. But even he had for the transfer of the strength of the he has finally to admit that the discovery of roots involves a bit of wishful thinking. Train buffs are warned that the railways are incidental, merely a means of getting from A to B. The train only features when it is family, plus baggage, to walk a mile in 100F heat to pick up another one.

Channel 4, midnight

Brian Springer, a film-maker from New York, discovered that by putting a satellite dish on his roof he could pick up television footage before it is packaged for transmission. During the presidential campaign of 1992 he recorded some 500 hours of unseen material, much of it from the Larry King chat show. Among those caught off-guard were candidates George Bush, Pat Robertson, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. Disappointingly, perhaps, no big gaffes emerged. But the loathing of the far-right Robertson for homosexuals comes strongly to the fore and all the presidential hopefuls are shown being coached by their advisers on how to put a favourable spin on awkward questions. The programme incidentally emphasises the importance of the chat show in American elections. Peter Waymark Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9957895)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4306988) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3639789) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2500437) 10.35 This Morning (64325673)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7012128) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (2119963) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (2194654) 1.25
Coronation Street (r) (Telelaxi) (9708550) 2.00 Home and Away (r)
(Telelaxi) (s) (97700050) 2.25 Quisine (Telelaxi) (s) (97796857) 2.50 Vanessa (Telelaxi) (s) (7826234)

3.20 News (Teletext) (7822234)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7821505) 3.30 Tots TV Classics (s) (6009437), 3.40
The Parkies (4237673) 3.50 Astro Farm
(r) (Teletext) (s) (6070925) 4.05 The
Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (s)
(2894012) 4.15 Wolf it: the Next Generation (Teletext) (s) (7425383) 4.40 Retrace (Teletext) (8427166)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (4124960) 5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (730963) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Telefext) (438470) 7.00 Wheel of Fortune hosted by Nicky Campbell (Taletext) (s) (5031)

7.30 Coronation Street. Tricia has to do some fast talking to dig herself out of a hole and the uneasy truce between the McDonalds is taking its toll on Jim

8.00 The Billi Special. In this hour-long edition, the results of McCann and Ackland's sergeent exams are revealed and a celebration at Sun Hill looks on the



The tragic Handel family (9.00pm)

9.00 The Visit Rebecca's Secret Desmond Wilcox traces the story of a family struck by a terrible disease (Teletext) (s) (3925) 10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (Teletext) (945215)

10.05 News and weather (Teletext) (632079) 10,35 HTV News (Teletext) (562654) 10.45 West Match Plus. A review of las weekend's football and rugby action. A preview of the Soldhern Cup women's golf tournament, plus, reflection of the

last mund of the season's county cricket

11.45 Tropical Heat (r) (s) (887012) 12.40 God's Gift (7442600) 1.45 cyber.cafe (86513) 2.15 Dear Nick (838432) 3.15 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (86451123) 3.40 Nationwide Football

League Extra (r) (8675093) 4.20 ITV Sport Mini Classics (69468548) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (83884)

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McQueen and Hoffman in Papillon (Sky Movies Gold, 10,00pm)

5.00 Three's a Crowd (r) (s) (31987) 5.30 FTN Morning News (53068)

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm Wales Tonight (438470) 7.00-7.30 The Really Helpful Programme

10.45-11.45 Top Sport (491586)

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As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2194654) 1.25-1.55 Quisine (68051857) 1.55 Home and Away (27941645)

2.25 Vanessa (97710437) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1658505) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4124960) 6.00 Westcountry Live (69012) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (5031)

10.45 A Season in the Sun (491586) 11.45 The Westcountry Match. Action from the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup

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12.55 Home and Away (2194654) 1.25 Quisine (68051857) 1.55 A Country Practice (32453505) 2.20 Vanessa (97711166)

2.50-3.20 Our House (7826234) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4124960) 6.25 Central News and Weather (438470) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (5031) 10.45 Central Sports Special (491586)

11.45 Max Monroe: Loose Cannon (442166) 12.50am Bushell on the Box (6669635) 1.20 God's Gift (3252364) 2.20 Dear Nick (9122074)

3.15 In Focus (6618906) **MERIDIAN** As HTV West except: 12.55 Quisine (2194654) 1.25 Home and Away (68051857)

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (963) 6.30 Ridgeriders (215) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (5031) 10.45 The Pier (379470)

11.15 The Meridian Match (440418) 12.05em Good Advice (6660722) 946

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Book Box (8533664) 10.15 Making
Sense of Science (7572514) 10.45
Breaking the Mould (1146646) 11.07
Lost Animals (5397789) 11.15 The Mix (56109) 11.30 Rat-A-Tat-Tat (3171234) 11.45 First Edition (3432166)

12.00 Little River Journeys (Teletext) (54692) 12.30pm Backdate (82963) 1.00 Sesame Street (87418) 2.00 Book. Dutch film (50931895)

2.15 FILM: Went the Day Well? (1942, b/w). Ealing propaganda thriller, based on a story by Graham Greene. Directed by Alberto Cavalcanti (214654)

4.00 Fifteen to One (s) (Teletext) (128) 4.30 Countdown (s) (Teletext) (352) 5.00 Ricki Lake (s) (Teletext) (2895147) 5.45 6.00 Party of Five (s) (Teletext) (665437)

6.50 Fresh Pop. Orlando with Just For a Second (426031) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext)(563925) 7.55 Books of the Century. Jenny Eclair chooses Nell Dunn's Poor Cow (641673)

8.00 Brookside (s) (Teletext) (2321) 8.30 Moving People. Three more tamilies on,

the move (s) (Teletext) (8128) 9.00 Ellen. Spence still hasn't told his father that he has left the medical profession and Ellen decides to do something about it (s) (Teletext) (2166)



Beckinsale and Wilcox (9.30pm)

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9.30 The Lovers. Beryl decides to persuade Geoffrey that married life is great. With Paula Wilcox, Richard Beckinsale and Maureen Lipman (r) (Teletext) (79499) 10.00 American Gothic, A mysterious woman

is admitted to the hospital and tries to persuade Dr Matt to kill Buck (s) (Teletaxt) 11.00 The Naked Truth. Nora decides she needs to defend herself when she

borrows TJ's van and it is car-jacked (s) (Teletext) (4383)

11.30 Cheers (r) (Teletext) (s) (46760)

12.00 Spin. New York film-maker Brian Springer's candid look at how Bill Clinton, George Bush and Ross Perot behaved when their spindoctors weren't around during the 1992 US presidential race (53109)

1.00 FILM: The Fixer (1968), John Frankenheimer's powerful indictment of anti-Semitism, based on a true story, starring Alan Bates as a Jewish peasant in turn-of torture to force him to confess to the ritual murder of a young Christian boy. With Dirk Bogarde, Georgia Brown and Hugh Griffith (34037628). Ends at 3,25am 4.00-5.30 Schools: Technology for Today

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (14873) 9.00 Press Your Uck. (7984234) 9.26 Love Connection 96009:59 9.45 Oprah Windrey (1910985) 10.40 Jeopardy (6497586) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (9269050) 12.00 Geraldo (21876) 1.00 Animal Practice (17760) 1.30pm Designing Women (62352) 2.00 Jenny Jones (78383) 3.00 Court TV (1470) 3.30 Oprah Windrey (1931708) 4.15 Undun (147470) 8.00 (Undun) 1.00 (5050) 8.00 (7474789; 5.00 Quantum Leap (5050) 8.80 Beverly Hills 90210 (10780) 7.00 LAPD (3079) 7.30 MASH (9505) 8.00 Worst of Police Stop! (77079) 9.00 The Outer Limits 57215 10.00 Quartum Leap 11.00 High lander (34437) 12.00 Michight Caller (73987) 1.00em LAPD (58277) 1.30 WKRP in Cincinnati (92155) 2.00 Hit Mix (2329180)

7.00pm The Simpsons (1455302) 7.30 Sea Rescue (6655673) 8.00 Terwar (4145215) 9.00 Broodines: Murder in the Family (4148302) 11,00 David Letterman (6038465) 12.00 Hit Mix (3762161) SKY NEWS

News on the hour 8.00am Surnise 9.30 Destinations (73031) 10.30 ABC Nightime (45760) 11.30 CBS News Live (152963) 2.30pm CBS News (5196789) 3.10 Court TV (74099166) 5.00 196789 3.10 Court IV (74099166) 5.00 Live at Five (33437) 5.30 Toroght (60708) 7.30 Sports (66760) 8.30 Newsonsker 344857 11.30 CBS Novs (35437) 12.30am ABC World News (39695) 1.30 Toroght (4760971) 2.10 Court IV (9789722) 3.30 Desinations (69838) 4.30 CBS New (46277) 5.30 ABC World News (95068)

SKY MOVIES S.Odam The Further Adventures of the Studerness Family (1978) (72944) 8.00 Anne of Green Gables (1934) (22953) 10.00 Walk Like a Man (1987) (13857) 12.00 The Flintstones (1994) (82586) 2.00pm Mother's Day on Waltons Mountain (1982) (41654) 4.00 A Day for Thanks on Wettons Mountain (1982) (7654) 6.00 A Walton Wedding (1995) (26505) 7.30 E News Week in Review (4673) 8.00 The Flintstones (1994) (1995) 10.00 Rad Firecracker, Green Firecracker (1985) (501079) 11.55 Mid-night Confessions (1993) (340234) 1.20am Serial Morn (1994) (856426) 2.55 Sheem (1984) (492703) 4.50-8.00 Arme of Green Gables (1934) (9561221)

SKY MOVIES GOLD 12.00 Nightmere Alley (1947) (2998) 2.00pm The Corsican Brothers (1941) (23296) 4.00 1 Met Him in Parts (1937) (5586) 6.00 Adam's Rib (1949) (36760) 8.00 Sometimes a Great Notion (1971) (48505) 10.00 PapBlon (1973) (82743789) 12.35am Firecreek (1968) (496987) 2.20 Gums at Batasi (1964) (355548) 4.05-5.30 All Night Long (1981) (3243451) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00em Jitterbugs (1943) (89019) 7.30 Peter-No-Tail (1963) (88012) 9.00 The Phantom of the Opera (1987) (32165) 10.00 Rin Tin Tin (1969) (11499) 12.00 10.00 Rim Tim Tim (1959) (11498) 12.00 Spencer's Mountain (1965) (80128 2.00pm The McConnell Stary (1955) (4226) 4.00 The Phantom of the Opera (1967) (49708) 5.00 Semson and Sally (8760) 5.00 Section and Sally (8760) 5.00 Section 2 Destiny (1995) (52761) 8.00 Nostradamus (1995) (64505) 10.00 Allen Nation: Derk Horizon (1996) (66983) 11.35 The Browning Version (1994) (424876) 1.15am Adventages of Year Defect (1976) (421876) tures of a Taod Driver (1976) (441180) 2.45 To Die For (1994) (769967) 4.30-6.00 Brothers' Destiny (1995) (32074) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

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New team wins bank support

Stewart seals £25m deal to fuel Hill chase

DOWN by the riverside, about 50 yards from the spot in Pudding Lane where the Great Fire of London started in 1666. Jackie Stewart let a new flame take hold yesterday. He stoked the embers by announcing a lucrative first sponsorship deal for his fledgeling grand-prix team, then fanned them into roaring life by saying that he wanted Damon Hill in with him at the

start of his brave new venture. Stewart banished rumours that he might have to delay entering the sport until 1998 because of a lack of funds when he revealed that he had secured a five-year sponsorship deal with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) worth a total of £25 million, a modest sum by today's standards but still a

useful foundation. Then he insisted that, al-

though Stewart Grand Prix might not be in a position to win races in their debut season next year, he and his son. Paul, the team's managing director, were trying hard to persuade Hill, the world championship leader, to scorn offers from more established teams and join them when he leaves Williams at the end of

It was a strange place for a Formula One press confer-ence, a large room on the tenth floor of HSBC's world headquarters overlooking Tower Bridge and HMS Belfast, in a building framed by dark glass and dominated by its cavernous atrium. Hill's name. though, is ubiquitous now when any team talks of potential drivers and Stewart was soon enthusing about the qualities of the son of his great

world champion." With Benetton apparently out of the running for Hill's signature, it does appear in-creasingly likely that he will race either for Stewart or the Jordan team, whose coffers have been swelled by sponsorship from Benson and Hedges, next season.

sums he could command as

mum and dad rather well.

Jordan, who have had a disappointing season by their own upwardly-mobile standards but now possess probably the most powerful engine, from Peugeot, in Formula One, would offer Hill a more realistic chance of consistently challenging for points and podium positions.

With Ralf Schumacher, the younger brother of Michael, likely to be confirmed as one of their drivers on Friday, many feel they are gradually moving Williams, Ferrari, Benetton and McLaren next year.

Stewart, three times the Formula One world champion, would bring the romance of the name, an exclusive supply of top Ford engines and the thrill of the new. The problem may be that, despite the deal yesterday, they are still well short of their target of raising £25 million a year and, unless they haul in more significant sponsors. Jordan

are likely to outbid them. It is highly unlikely that any decision will be made until the outcome of the drivers' championship, which Hill leads by 13 points from his team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, with two races to go, is known. The Englishman will clinch it at the Portuguese Grand Prix in Estoril this weekend so long as Villeneuve does not finish the race in a position that brings him four

more points than Hill. Stewart, of course, was concerned solely with next season and the team's prospects for its debut race, the Australian Grand Prix, in Melbourne in mid-March. The team's first Formula One car will be unveiled at the beginning of December and tested soon afterwards.

"We do not expect to run before we can walk or even crawl and we have no illusions about the competitiveness of grand-prix racing," Stewart said. "But we have a good team at our factory at Milton Keynes, we have got the best in technology, we are using a wind tunnel in California and we will have a good aerody-namic package. I hope we will be competitive more quickly than is the norm for new



Tim Henman, left, prepares for a training session with David Lloyd, the Great Britain coach, on No I Court at Wimbledon yesterday. Britain play Egypt there in group two of the Davis Cup Euro-African zone, starting on Friday. Photograph: Frank Tewkesbury

Hoddle extends England training

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ENGLAND have arranged an unprecedented nine-day training camp before the match against Poland at Wembley on Wednesday, October 9. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach. will call his players together at midday on October 1 for intensive preparations leading up to the group two World

In the past, the squad has gathered on the Saturday before a midweek game. Now, with the FA Carling Premiership temporarily shut down from September 30 to October 12, Hoddle will have much longer with his players before the second match of England's World Cup series. It is an idea that he has advocated since succeeding Terry Venables after Euro 96, yet one which has previously re-

DAVE BASSETT will decide

whether to accept an invita-

tion to become Manchester

City's sixth manager in as

many years over the next 48

hours. Francis Lee, the City

chairman, will make a formal

request today for permission

to approach Bassett, the Crystal Palace manager.

resistance from Ron Noades.

the Palace chairman, but Bas-

sett is by no means certain to accept the offer, even though it

is understood that the former

Wimbledon and Sheffield Uni-

ted manager does not see eye

Bassett led Palace to a

comfortable 3-1 Nationwide

League first division victory

over City on Saturday, and

was surprised to discover the

depths to which City have

descended after their relega-

tion from the FA Carling

At 52, any move is likely to

be Bassett's last in football.

Premiership in May.

to eye with his employer.

Lee is likely to face little

ceived only lukewarm support from the club managers.

Yesterday, though, it drew a mostly favourable response. with many of them more concerned at the short recovery period after international matches rather than the extended build-up beforehand. Three days after the Poland game, the Premiership resumes in earnest.

about Glenn wanting the players a bit earlier." Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager, said. "It is vital that he is able to set the pattern and create the team spirit he wants. The longer he has them together.

the better it is for everyone. "What I'm worried about is getting my lads back in time for our next game. That's where the problem lies. We're getting there but it still needs a bit more thought." Villa had

Manchester City set to offer

manager's job to Bassett

By DAVID MADDOCK AND JOHN GOODBODY

agonise, perhaps — for the next two days before arriving

Lee's approach is a calculate

ed risk by a chairman who has

already seen one much-

publicised attempt to secure a

new manager fail when George Graham declined the

chance to succeed Alan Ball. A

similar response by Bassett

will result in huge embarrass-

ment for Lee, who has

scoured the country for a big-

Should Bassett accept, it is

thought likely that Steve

Coppell, the Palace director of

football, would resume the

managerial role he relin-

Arsenal and former England

defender, faces possible disci-

plinary action from the Foot-

ball Association for allegedly

making "inflammatory ges-tures" at disabled Sheffield

Wednesday supporters during

Nigel Winterburn,

name replacement.

quished in 1993.

at his decision.

Thus he will deliberate -

Gareth Southgate and Mark Redknapp, his midfield play-Draper involved in England's last game in Moldavia earlier this month, which they won 3-0. Southgate played a key role, with Draper a nonplaying substitute, but they returned from the arduous trip only 48 hours before Villa played Everton.

Wilkins returns . "Picking up injuries while on England duty is one of those things." Little said, "but

that could just as easily happen while training with your club. It's no worse with Engrehearsing, anyway."

land and a lot of the prepara-tions are just talking and

the FA Carling Premiership

match at Highbury on

Steve Double, an FA spokes-

man, said yesterday that he

had spoken to Mike Reed, the

referee, who had confirmed

that he will be mentioning two

incidents in his report. "He Winterburn is alleged to

have made inflammatory ges-

tures after the second and

third Arsenal goals lin a 4-1

win]." Double said. "The inci-

dents were seen by the police.

who told match officials to

know what I am supposed to

have done. If I did anything

that caused offence to anyone

it was unintentional. And if I

upset anyone I would be the

"I did not make obscene

gestures to anyone and I will

do all I can to clear my name

of such a charge. People who know me will tell you that it

simply is not in my nature."

Winterburn said: "I do not

Monday.

deal with it."

first to apologise.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool

has consistently campaigned

for England to give up their midweek dates and, instead. play on Saturdays. Again. though, he feels the players need longer to recover. "It's of no benefit at all if the club has got a game on the following Tuesday or Wednesday," he

er, for the early part of this

season after he was injured playing for England during Euro 96. "There's not much

difference if Glenn wants the

players for a few extra days

beforehand, there's no great change there," he said.

England games to be played

on Saturdays. Then we should

get more time with the players when they get back to us." Alex Ferguson, the

Manchester United manager.

"But I'd still prefer the

John Barnwell, chief execu-

tive of the League Managers' Association (LMA), is due to meet Hoddle and officials from the Football Association later this month. John Camkin, the LMA secretary. said yesterday: "I think managers are prepared to go to the limit to assist the England team. It's always been a touchy subject but we're moving in the right direction."

However, Tottenham Hotspur are still dismayed by. the apparent lack of information from the FA when Teddy Sheringham, their striker. was injured while preparing for the game in Moldavia. He tore a thigh muscle during shooting practice and has not played since, which prompted Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, to write a letter of protest to the FA. Sheringham is not likely to play for at less another fortnight.

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Stewart wants Hill as his No 1 driver when the team

takes its place on the Formula One grid next season

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Adams pays penalty but doubts remain

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PHIL ADAMS, the Bristol lock, became the first professional rugby union player to be fined for foul play by his club yesterday, but an unsatisfactory playing incident had an equally unsatisfactory ending - if, indeed, the internal hearing at the Memorial Ground is the ending.

In a case of mistaken identity during the Courage Clubs Championship match between Northampton and Bristol last Saturday. Eben Rollitt, the Bristol No 8, was sent off

for stamping on Jon Phillips, the Northampton lock. But television showed at the time that Jerry Wallis, the Somerset referee, had erred. Wallis acted on the advice

of his touch judge, Geraint Ashton-Jones, and Rollin, to his immense credit, made no public protestation when he was dismissed. After the match, officials had the opportunity to view the video evidence - which dearly showed Adams as the guilty party - and made a public apology to Rollitt and Bristol. Derek Brown, the Bristol

chairman, Alan Davies, the

coach, and Martin Corry, the Bristol captain, reviewed the evidence yesterday and decided that Adams. 33 and a youth development officer with the club, should be fined the equivalent of six match fees. It was the second sending off of his Bristol career.

The prompt action by Bristol is to be applauded but. equally, they should have made known the exact amount of financial punishment inflicted. There is a sliding scale of Bristol salaries and Adams is likely to be in the middle of the range, Whether the punishment

amounts to four figures, as one observer estimated, is not known, but Phillips and Northampton may well find it less than satisfactory.

The Rugby Football Union may also seek clarification over an incident which clearly did the game's image no good. Adams remains free to play against Harlequins on Saturday and Rollitt could have the punishment expunged from his record when Somerset disciplinary committee hears the evidence at its next meeting.

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